## Police arrest British driver

# 'Supergun' lorries held in Greece

By Michael Horsnell and Richard Ford

deepened yesterday when two lorries carrying unspecified ancillary equipment destined for Baghdad were impounded in Greece - nearly three weeks after they left their manufacturers in

Meanwhile, six eight-metre pipes bound for Iraq were seized by Customs officers at the Essex port of Harwich. But they were allowed to proceed to Baghdad after an inspection showed they were concrete-lined water pipes of no military significance.

A British driver of one of the impounded lorries was arrested and questioned by Greek police and Customs officials at Patras after appar-

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For 200 years a legend of injustice has clung to the man who said he invented the lifeboat. Brian James investigates the claims of wo maritime men. Page 29

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> \*\*\* M Rocard: An outraged

THE mystery of the ently arriving by ferry from "guns for Iraq" affair the Italian port of Brindisi. The nature of his consignmen remained unclear but they

may not have been pipes. The Foreign Office was awaiting news of his detention from staff at the British Embassy in Athens, who were hoping to interview the man. Sheffield Forgemasters, one of two British manufacturers

which supplied the series of steel tubes seized by British Customs officers recently, said it assumed the equipment aboard the lorry was part of the "supergun" contract.

The company pointed out that it had informed British Customs at a meeting on April ii that a transport company had taken the equipment from its factory in Rotherham 12 days earlier, on March 30.

But it remained unclear where the load of equipment - possibly destined for the northern Iraq city of Mosul had been since the end of last month and why it had taken so long to reach Greece.

The other company involved in the affair, Walter Somers Ltd. added to the mystery by claiming that the lorries may have been theirs. Somers previously said the

last of 12 steel tubes ordered by Iraq at a cost of more than £1 million left its factory "by shipment" on March 15.

A company spokesman added: "Until a few hours ago. we thought it had all gone by sea. We now learn that two lorries detained in Greece were each carrying one and possibly two of our pipes.

"It would be fair to assume that at least six of the others forged by Walter Somers Ltd have got through to Iraq."

believed to have been trying to varive MP for Bromsgrove, intercept the road freight for more than a week as it made

its way to Iraq. The Greek authorities are thought to have acted at the request had been made by any request of British Customs, who seized eight steel cylinders, allegedly intended to form part of a 40-metre gun barrel, in Middlesbrough last week. The driver, whose passport was confiscated, is understood to come from Stourbridge in the West Midlands.

In a statement Mr Tony Peck, spokesman for Sheffield Forgemasters, said: "We assume that the equipment impounded in Patras is ancillary equipment for the same Iraqi contract that has already been widely reported.

"Forgemasters informed Customs and Excise at their meeting on April 11 that a transport company had taken

the equipment from their factory on March 30." The company said it was unable to define the nature of the equipment seized. A Customs spokesman in London said senior officers

colleagues in Greece. He added: "The Foreign Office has told us that the British Embassy in Greece is trying to see the driver. The equipment includes some of the things Sheffield Forge-masters said they had des-patched beforehand."

were "in touch" with their

The action by the Greek authorities is believed to follow doubts about the way in which the documentation describes the consignment.

The seizure comes amid a parliamentary row over alle-gations that the Department of Trade and Industry was warned two years ago that the lraquis might be using precision-forged tubes for military purposes.

Government officials yesterday studied the records of conversations the Conser-vative MP, Sir Hal Miller, had with two ministries — and a "third agency", believed to be the security services — in which he claims to have alerted them to doubts about one of the contracts for steel tubes.

Details of calls Sir Hal made two years ago to the DTI and the Ministry of Defence have all been traced and the transcripts are being investigated. In the Commons, Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, made three attempts to get the Iraqi gun affair raised on the floor of the House. He said that a statement should be made on how the transcripts of conversa-

came to light. On each occasion, he was told from the Chair that no minister to make a statement. Last November, Mrs Thatcher said in a written answer that the Government used all information and legal powers available to control illegal or

improper procurement activ-

and government departments



## Air report criticizes **British Midland**

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

THE draft report into the It maintains that Captain Boeing 737 crash on the M1 Kevin Hunt and his First near Kegworth last year is critical of British Midland's operating and training procedures and contains 27 separate safety recommendations.

Although the report of the Department and Transport's Air Accident Investigation branch does not apportion blame, it is likely to have a profound effect on the layout of flight decks and the way pilots are trained to use the latest electronic instruments.

Officer, Mr David McLelland, shut down the right-hand engine in the mistaken belief that it was suffering a severe vibration and may have been on fire when, in fact, it was the left-hand engine which had the problem.

The two pilots and other "interested parties" have 28 days in which to comment on the findings.

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## **Tebbit** defends comment on Asians

By Richard Ford and Jonathan Braude

OPPOSITION MPs yesterday bitterly criticized Mr Norman Tebbit as he defended his comment that a proportion of the Asian community failed to. pass his test and support England at cricket matches. Mr Tebbit was unrepentan

over his remark that they did not pass what he called "the cricket test — which side do they cheer for?" As a Labour MP called on the Home Secretary to consider prosecuting Mr Tebbit for inciting racial hatred representatives of the Asian community accused him of

making insulting and disgrace

ful remarks.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat Leader, said he hoped the Prime Minister would condemm the "outrageous and damaging" remarks made about ethnic minority British by the former chair-man of the Conservative

Calling for the Home Secretary to consider bringing a prosecution against Mr Teb-bit, Mr Jeff Rooker, MP for Birmingham Perry Bar, said: "He is a clever politican using soft language about cricket. But what he is actually doing

is inciting racial batred." Mr Tebbit justified his use of the cricket test example by saying it was a lighter way of talking about some issues over which passions sometimes be-

came quite inflamed. Speaking on the BBC Radio 4 Today programme, he said he watched closely to see how well people who came to a foreign country to live, work and bring up their family

integrated.
"If all the time somebody is looking back over their shoulder to the country from which their family came instead of to the country where they live and are making their home, you scratch your head if you are an integrationist and ask: Are they really integrated or

are they just living here"?"

Mr Tebbit added that there could be no doubt where the hearts of West Indian born bowlers who played for England in the last test belonged as they had played for England

# 'esoteric' EC union

By Richard Ford and Jamie Dettmer

BRITAIN will strongly op-pose as "esoteric" plans for European political union when the issue is discussed at next week's summit of European heads of government in Dublin Summit and I was

With Prance and West Germany declaring their intention to press for political and economic union by January A. 1993, the matter is expected to he discussed informally over larger at the European Community summit called to

discuss German reunification. During talks yesterday with Mr Charles Haughey, the cur-rent President of the EC, the Prime Minister made clear Britain's position that there were many more matters to talk about in Dublin before political union was addressed. Before the talks at 10

Downing Street began, Mr Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, said it had become clear during his tour of Euro-pean capitals that there was strong pressure for political union to be considered at the

However, after the talks union. He said that during his

with Mrs Margaret Thatcher, meeting with Mrs Thatcher, Mr Haughey was conciliatory Anglo-Irish affairs were about the difference in opin-barely touched upon. Mr ion. He said: "My primary purpose was to prepare for the initiative in Dublin. anxious to gain the Prime

gliey indicated that the Irish Government is supportive of the Kohl-Mitterand initiative and that The meeting between the

he wanted "to move as quickly as possible towards union." Although he was keen to play down Mrs Thatcher's disapproval of the Kohl-Mitterrand initiative, he in-dicated that the British Prime Minister would prefer the Dublin summit to concentrate on German reunification and issues concerning Eastern Europe.

Mr Haughey also suggested that it would take several meetings between the Com-mon Market Foreign Min-isters to flesh out fully any timetable towards political

Anglo-Irish affairs were barely touched upon". Mr Haughey said that Mrs Thatcher was prepared to discuss the Kohl-Mitterrand

Almest all of the talks yesterday were concerned with the question of German

two Prime Ministers, accom-panied only by an adviser each, was described by government sources as very relaxed, friendly and useful. During the talks Mr Haughey outlined to Mrs Thatcher the likely agenda for the summit on April 28 which will concentrate German unification, the links between the EC and Eastern Europe, the CFCE talks, prospects for the creation of a European Bank and possibly the drugs problem.

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## Vilnius down to 12-day supply of fuel

LITHUANIA has fuel for only 12 more days, Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, the Deputy Prime Minister, said yesterday, calling for a compromise with Moscow. "It will be impossible for us to live for an extended period under con-ditions of blockade," he said, only hours before the Soviet Union gave a brief show of troops of a printing house.

President Gorbachov could be faced with trouble on another Baltic front at the weekend. Latvian deputies are expected to demand a declaration of independence at a meeting in Riga, the capital, today.

It would mark the rejection

of Mr Gorbachov's offer to Latvia of "special status" for the republic, and would point to a declaration of full sovgoty when the new su-me soviet meets on May 3. A Latvian declaration would also risk causing tenion between the indigenous ters, who make up almost 48 per cent of the total. A large minority of these support independence, but it is under-stood that even leading Rus-sian members of the Latvian Popular Front fear that an immediate declaration of sov-

creignty will panic Russians. Mr Janis Jurkans, the director of external relations for the Popular Front, said: "We have to declare independence now, so that there can be no

However, he said, there would also be significant differences between the Latvian approach and that of Lithuania. "The Lithuanians adopted all kinds of laws which they couldn't fulfil. We

will not do that." Meanwhile, in Vilnius yesdiers in battle dress armed with batons smashed their way into the printing house of the Communist Party central committee.

Sajudis volunteers and printing workers, many bruised and with bleeding noses, and one suffering from concussion, were forcibly ejected. Women workers said they had been abused and

Printing workers barricaded themselves into the press it-self. The soldiers, after an initial failed attempt, did not try to break through,

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## Pretoria hint of power alliance

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

SOUTH Africa's National constitution to be agreed in Party, which has been in talks with the ANC and other government for 42 years, is considering forming an alliate with non-white parties, it ment should be reached in two emerged yesterday. Dr Gerritt Viljoen, Minister

of Constitutional Development, who held talks yesterday with Mrs Thatcher, said in an interview with The Times that the perty was "very seriously considering" alliances with parties which shared its basic values. They could disagree on some issues if they had the same opinions on the main points.

He said it was "quite conceivable" that the alliances would cross racial boundaries. The party was studying the experience of a trans-racial alliance in Namibia. It is almost certain to lose its

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years. He suggested that the homelands policy could disappear with the creation of federation involving a high degree of local autonomy.

President de Klerk said in a speech on Thursday that Pretoria would repeal or amend three of the four main pillars of apartheid, leaving only the Population Registration Act.

However, Dr Viljoen made it clear that this too would be repealed once a new constitution had been agreed: "There is no way it could survive a have to go, it must go."



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## Rocard cries foul as the ref lends a hand



From Philip Jacobson

LIKE half of France, M Michel Rocard, the Prime Minister, was glued to the television last Wednesday night, when Marseilles took on Lisbon's Benfica in the European Cup. And like other every viewer here, M Rocard was outraged when the Portuguese won through to the final with a handball almost as biatant as the infamous "goal" with which the hand of Diego Maradona knocked England out of the World Cup in 1986.

But M Rocard has the weight of high office and he deployed it in a remarkable letter to M Bernard Tapie, the Marseilles president. Written on official notepaper from the Prime Minister's Office, it hailed the team's sterling performances. bewailed the "incomprehensible and unpardonable" manner in which it had finally been beaten and offered such

assistance as the Socialist Government of France could muster to come up with a better way of refereeing key matches.

The parallel that springs to mind would be Mrs Thatcher issuing a statement from Downing Street about the number of bouncers aimed at English batsmen by the West Indian fast bowlers in the recent Test series. For what M Rocard's calls his "sacrilegious" suggestion that touchline referees should follow big games on TV sets and intervene "to recitify any clear error", read a Thatcher call for extra umpires to

M Rocard evidently shared French fans' hopes that Marseilles might become the country's first club to lift a European trophy after many a long year of trying. As a Parisian by adoption he would be aware the all-conquering Marseilles team is cordially detested by

crack down on headhunting bowlers.

the fans of rival clubs on the domestic front: but then, the prospect of glory on foreign fields has a history of uniting the French, in sport as in war.

It helps, of course, that M Tapié - selfmade millionaire, self-promoter of genius - is a sort of Socialist MP. Also that Marseilles is a Socialist stronghold: if M Rocard eventually intends to run for President, someone like M Tapié is definitely worth cultivating.

As Le Quotidien de Paris waspishly observed yesterday, referees can show the yellow card to players who question their decisions "but the laws make no provision for dealing with written dissent from a Prime Minister". Try as one might, it is hard to picture Mrs Thatcher staking a similar claim for change, even if Maradona's golden hand strikes at England again during the forthcoming World Cup in Italy.

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## Police to seek £2m Strangeways cost from Waddington

the tactics used against the terday entered its 20th day. protestors mounted.

disturbance this century.

It estimates that the bill for about £1 million, with other costs, including the use of the force's helicopter, adding

about the same amount. At yesterday's meeting of the police authority Mr James dinary. "It is the most savage incident of its kind ever experienced within the British prison service.

authority will meet Mr David out. retary, to ask for a full refund.

The Government is likely to operation have heightened the 400 and 500 prison officers in be asked to foot a bill of up to controversy over the tactics trained groups would have £2 million bill for policing the adopted by the prison govriol at Strangeways jail ernor, Mr Brendan O'Friel, Manchester, it emerged yes- and the prison department terday, as disagreement over towards the siege, which yes-

Force was used in the early The Greater Manchester stages of the riot but manage-Police Authority has decided ment has been placing its that the city ratepayers cannot hopes mainly on a combina-be expected to foot the polic-tion of negotiations and ing costs of the worst prison steadily deteriorating conditions within the jail.

It has been clear for the last police overtime now stands at two days, however, that talks have been deadlocked.

Mr Ivor Serle, branch chairman of the Prison Officers' Association at Strangeways, yesterday fuelled the dispute over the handling of the riot Anderton, Chief Constable of further by claiming that his Greater Manchester Police, governor had wanted to storm described the 21-day siege as the prison soon after the riot exceptional and extraor- erupted but had been overruled by his superiors.

He said: "We believe we could have taken the prison back on Monday, April 2 -A delegation from the police the day after the riot broke

"The governor was just about to say 'Go' when he was The authority's misgivings told not to go by someone about the huge costs of the higher than him." Between

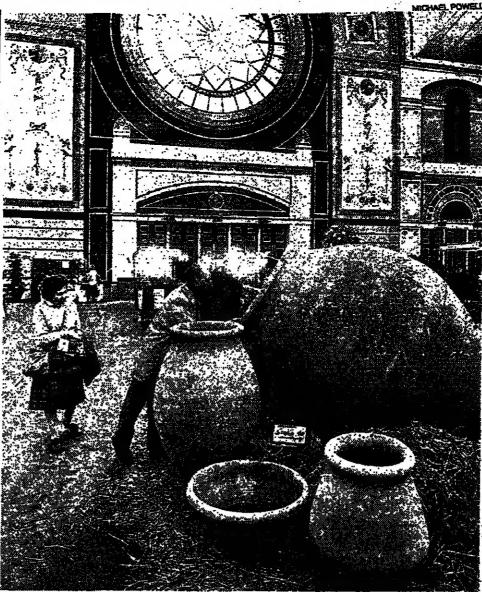
Monday, Mr Serle claimed.

His version of events was disputed rigorously by the Home Office. It confirmed that an assault plan had been drawn up by the governor in consultation with the department, but said that there bad been no question of Mr O'Friel being overruled.

A spokesman said: "It was agreed not to go ahead with the retaking of the prison by force as there was still a sizeable number of inmates at large and damage was so

"It could not be guaranteed that any action would be successful and would not lead to more serious injury or loss of life". He added: "There was no question of anyone leaning Informal estimates circulat-

ing around the Home Office put the cost of renovating the jail at over £50m. To build a new jail on the same site would cost more, perhaps as much as £80 million.



Visitors to the London Garden Show examining a set of giant Spanish vessels in white terracotta, one of a series of new products on display at the Alexandra Palace exhibition, which opened yesterday and stays open until tomorrow

## Scots set for long review of election to parliament

THE scene was set yesterday for a long discussion about the electoral system that would be adopted for a Scottish parliament, a priority for a Labour government.

The Scottish Constitutional Convention is to consider methods of proportional representation which could be used to elect members to an assembly in Edinburgh.

Some Scottish Labour MPs at the convention in Glasgow yesterday still believe that the "first 'past the post" system would be the best option.

.In an unprecedented change in policy, however, the Scot-tish Labour Party's executive recently backed the principle of proportional representation. It agreed that a Scottish Parliament should use an alternative to the existing system - albeit, on the casting vote of the chairman.

It was clear yesterday that the majority in the convention favour this form of election. Labour's change of heart has removed a possible rift with the Liberal Democrats, also members of the convention,

Order on

tax riot

pictures

The Press Association and

three other news organizations were ordered yesterday to hand over all published and unpublished photographs of last month's ami-poli tax riot

Judge Neil Denison, grant-ing applications by the Metro-

politan Police under the Pol-ice and Criminal Evidence

Act, said however that object-ions by PA, London Weekend Television and Associated

Press were perfectly valid.

The judge, who two weeks ago ordered 25 newspapers and television companies to

hand over films of the riot said: "It would be wrong if organizations within the me-

dia were to back down and concede every application. He heard arguments that the public interest demanded that those responsible for the violence be caught, and, if gailty, convicted.

Murder charge

Mr John Brady, aged 21, of Strabane, Co Tyrone, was

A bogus NSPCC official who has tried to abduct at least three children is being sought by police. In the latest incident

the fair-haired woman in her-twenties, tried to persuade a mother aged 19 in Salford, Greater Manchester, to give up her baby so that it could be "taken into care"

Actress verdict

Elizabeth Finlayson, who

Elizabeth Finlayson, who acted in the television series. Coronation Streat under the stage name Lisa Lewis, was put on probation for two years at Manchester Crown Court yesterday for swindling £10,000 in welfare benefits. Lewis, aged 26, of had tried to kill herself, the court was told.

Chess winner

Michael Adams, aged 18, the

British chess champion, won

his second round game against Jonathan Levitt bringing him level with Bent, Laisen, the Danish grandmaster, in the Watson Farley and Williams international grandmaster tournament in the City of London.

Boat collision

stormy weather.

Lifeboatmen rescued a 36ft

Swedish yacht in the Channel

yesterday, 21 miles off the Sussex coast after it collided with a Soviet fishing trawler in

Car price rise

Most Ford cars are to increase

in price by an average of 3.9 per cent from May 1. This is the second time this year that

Ford has raised its prices, after an average 4.4 per cent rise in

CORRECTIONS

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland

was wrongly described as being still Norwegian Prime Minister in early editions yesterday. The present Prime Minister is Mr Jan Syse.

Although the Prince of Wales

makes an annual contribution

to the church of St Mary The

London.

January.

in Trafalgar Square.

who insisted on proportional

The Conservative Party and the Scottish National Party have boycotted the convention, although some radivat-ual party members attend.

Canon Kenyon Wright, chairman of the executive committee, conceded that the issue of a voting system would be difficult and potentially divisive. He said: "This must not be allowed to detract from the enormous and astonishing progress we have made."

The debate, he said, would begin a period of intense, honest and difficult discussion before the convention's next meeting in July. "Having gone so far, having come to a common mind on the principles which would have seemed impossible just a year ago, none of us will allow the immense promise of this convention to be wrecked on the rock of insistence on the

single voting system." Mr Murray Elder, secretary of the Labour Party in Scot-iand, said that his party had-shown great flexibility over electoral reform. "There are" many in the party who will be disappointed if other participants in the convention are not prepared to show the same. degree of flexibility and to look with an open mind at all the various options open to

us," he said. Mr George Foulkes, Labour-MP for Carrick, Cumnock and. Doon Valley, said the convention must not be rushed into a decision on electoral proce-dure. There was, he said, plenty of time to discuss a system that would, hopefully, be in use for many centuries. Mr Foulkes said: "Account-

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ability is very important. If we lose the link between an MP and his constituency, that is not an increase in democracy. If we were to adopt a system where there would be tyranny of very small minority parties, that would not be an increase in democracy either."

Writers see moral rights lost through Act waiver

charged yesterday with the nurder of Mr David Black, a WRITER'S moral rights, in the terms of a Berne Conven-tion, are being trampled by film and television companies Royal Ulster Constabulary reserve constable who died last June in a bomb explosion. Mr Brady's mother and brother also face charges in connection with the killing. taking advantage of a "scan-dalous" clause in the Copy-right, Designs and Patents Act Kidnap foiled

Authors according to the Writers' Guild of Great Britain, are being pressured into surrendering the motal rights to their work because, unlike similar laws in most other European countries, our Act adds a waiver.

The moral rights are in the 1886 Convention which diese

1886 Convention which cites the "droit moral" of authors and was updated in 1971. It was incorporated into British law in the 1988 Act which came into force last August-Rights include "paternity" toensure that an author is credited with a work, and integrity" which demands that a piece of writing should not be altered to the detriment-

of the author's reputation. - According to the guild, British television and film companies have been swift to take advantage of the waiver, with "let outs" written into

of the Writers Guild and an actor, writer, director and producer, said that he had suffered over a recent film script, "I fought for six months but in the end I had is agree because otherwise there; would have been no contract. "I lost the battle, and if I lost" the battle what chance have

less experienced writers got? It's a form of censorship." Other writers have joined the campaign being waged by the British Copyright Council to have the waiver removed from the Art. Miss Jill Hyam, a television writer, said: "Under this sys...

tem it's like handing over 3 child to a complete stranger to. abuse as they wish." The BBC signed television co-production deals worth a record £30 million with for-

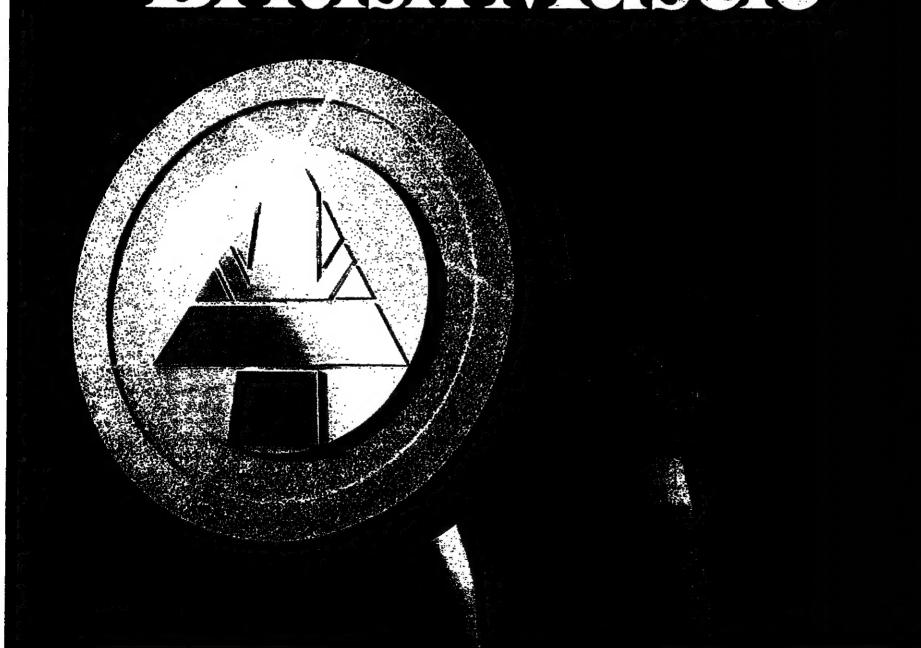
eign broadcasters last year. The deals resulted in top series such as Jeffrey Archer's Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less, Michael Pain's internationally successful Around the World in 80 Days, and Portrait of a Marriage.

Haif the money - a 50 per cent increase on the previous year - came from agreements with United States networks. BBC Enterprises said.

A quarter came from

Virgin, Tetbury, Gloucester-shire, the vicar, The Rev John Hawthorne, tells us that the Prince has not specifically promised £30,000 as reported in early editions on Thursday. Europe, while deals with the Japanese - the most signifi-cant area of new business brought in nearly £3 million.

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## grevie M1 air crash election report urges better pilot

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

cause of the British Midland Boeing 737 crash on the M1 near Kegworth, Leicestershire, last year in which 47 people near Kegworth, Leicestershire, pilots and other "interested

- They have 28 days in which to comment on the findings by the Department of Transby the Department of Transport's Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAIB) which could profoundly affect the layout of flight decks and the way pilots are trained to use electronic instruments.

The report contains 27 separate safety recommendations; many of which have been implemented. Much of it, however, is devoted to a detailed analysis of the "ergonomics" of the display craft manufacturers will study closely and which questions the relationship between a flight deck crew and new instruments which rely on

light emitting diodes. - Another section deals with training by British Midland and other airlines to famand other airlines to fam-illarise crew with the new "glass cockpits" and how to interpret instruments which " an may provide new information.

.The report criticizes the training methods for dealing with severe vibration and the smell of smoke and calls for new procedures during simulator training.

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It also questions the design of the instruments, which are small and displayed on a screen in front of the pilot. Although the report does not

## European air traffic disrupted

EUROPEAN flights were disrupted yesterday by a 24-hour strike by air traffic controllers in Paris but services were expected to be back to normal or the busy holiday weekend.

Most flights on Europe's busiest route between London and Paris were cancelled, and services to the eastern Mediterranean suffered delays as they were re-routed across Germany and Belgium.

There were no flights to the French capital from London City airport, by airlines Brymon Airways and London City Airways, or Stansted airport, Essex, by Air France and Air UK, but a skeleton service did operate from Gatwick and Heathrow.

The disruption was not as widespread as first feared. The controllers allowed two flights an hour into the air space around Paris.

A Gatwick spokesman said: Because of that concession there are some flights getting to Paris and it beins prevent alternative routes clogging up. There are some detays on other European romes but none of them is very long." British Airways put a 370-

seat Boeing 747-on one of the Paris trips in order to accommodate passengers who were booked on the five cancelled services from Heathrow. Air France cancelled six out

of its 10 scheduled flights. At Gatwick airport, services to other parts of France were leaving about an hour late and there were short delays on services to Majorca, Corfu

#### licket to ride

Mr Jason Gage, aged 20, a motor cycle enthusiasi, has been given £300 by the Prince of Wales's Prince's Trust to help him become a professional speedway rider. Mr Gage, of Northwold, Norfolk has already spent £3,000 on trying

#### to achieve his goal. Wreck rights

The right to all shipwrecks washed up at Happisburgh, near Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, is among the privileges purchased by a local man when he paid £18,100 for the lordship of the manor. The last wreck was a dinghy in

tirat direct is a division of midland bank pic.

THE draft report into the blame anyone for the accident it says that Captain Kevin Hunt and his First Officer Mr David McLelland shut down last year in which 47 people the right hand engine in the died, has been sent to the two mistaken belief that it was suffering severe vibration and may have been on fire when the problem was in the left hand engine.

The pilots have maintained throughout that they had no indication of a problem with the left hand engine although the report says that tests and recordings taken from the flight data recorder indicate that the vibration indicators and the exhaust gas tem-perature gauges both indicated a serious failure.

In future, the AAIB says, aircraft should be fitted with an automatic television recording of the instrument as well as a trace recording on tape so that, in the event of an accident, investigators can replay the cassette within the "black box" and see exactly what the pilots saw on their instrument panels.

The report traces the history of flight BD 092 from Heathrow to Belfast on the evening of January 8 last year. As it reached 29,000 feet the crew smelled smoke and noticed a "moderate to severe" vibra-tion. They diagnosed the problem as coming from the right hand engine and throttled back. As they did so the smoke and vibration disappeared and two minutes later they shut the engine

down completely. In fact a phenomenon known as resonance had shattered the fan blades in the left band engine and this became atastrophic when they asked for full power just before

The aircraft smashed into an embankment beside the motorway just short of East Midlands Airport killing 47 passengers and badly injuring the two pilots.

Aircraft engines do occasionally break up in flight, the report says, and the manufac-turers. Socoma of France, found the exact cause when two other similar engines experienced similar failures.

Among other recommenda-tions in the report are television cameras in the tail to enable pilots to see the outside of an aircraft. Had such a device been fitted to the crashed jet the crew would the left hand engine and realised that this was where

the problem lay. The report also calls for extra strengthening to floors and seats to give passengers a greater chance of surviving an impact, and for restraint har-nesses for all children aged

less than two. The distribution of the report to interested parties will cause legal complications at the inquest on the victims on May 9. Although accident investigators will be called to give evidence they will be prevented from detailing their findings because the report still remains strictly confidential, even though lawyers representing the manufac-

torers, the sirline and the pilots, will all have copies. The final report is unlikely to be published before late summer after amendments following consultation with those involved and approval by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the

Transport Secretary. Even then a full judicial review of the findings can be called for over unfair criti-



Recks of cut-price for coats attract few British customers as the department prepares to close down after 140 years of trading at the store

## Bargain day as Harrods shuts down fur salon

By John Young THERE were plenty of bargains to be found in Harrods far salon yesterday. m sable cut from £59,995 to a wild female mink, from £13,995 to £6,995 and a full-length Russian lynx, from £69,995 to £14,595. There was, however, a late, half-empty look to the

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ware rushed to the public gallery to contain the disturbance as members of the jury showed tigm of fear and distress Funday people in the gallery called the pury perverts and should that the verdent was a folice.

atives and friends of the dead | agree

Today, after 140 years, the salon is closing down. Grosvenor Canada, which has operated the concession for the last 15 years, will cease trading from the store this evening

Harrods say that the decision made on commercial grounds, based on the fact that the British public no longer felt the same way about fur

personally by the chairman, Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed.

"Mr Al-Fayed loves animals," he said. The decision had been made in January, 1989, nearly a year before the fire bomb attacks on a number of House of Fraser stores, which were assumed to be the work of animal rights activists. There was no question of bowing to terrorist threats, he said. Harrads decades as relicables.

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90 per cent of them to British people." Harrods' response was that the only eason for the boom in sales was the huge reductions introduced for the sale, which began on February 16. Until then business was almost at a

the Crossenes said that he would, shortly be setting up the working a few himself of cross steep in Stoams Street, in the meantime a Beaton department since had offered to buy

whole store," he claimed. "We sold between £2 million and £3 million-

worth of furs in the past two months -

## FORT OF PRINCIPLE Survey shows most MPs favour embryo research

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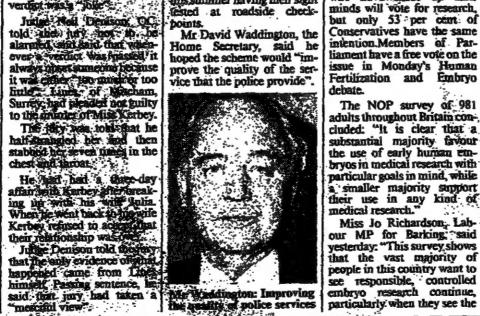
troversy, the Home Office is funding a study to be led by PC King under an annual detect genetic diseases. Fifty five per cent are supportive of scheme designed to encourage innovation across the hebble range in police asspon-sibilities. The lesearch will the research in general. The BBC survey shows that 92 per cent of Labour MPs avolute hundreds of drivers who have made up their is summer having their sight minds will vote for research. lested at roadside checkbut only 53 per cent of

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said he hoped the scheme would "improve the quality of the service that the police provide".

safety experts, however, do

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Conservatives have the same intention.Members of Parliament have a free vote on the issue in Monday's Human



Fertilization and Embryo The NOP survey of 981 adults throughout Britain concluded: "It is clear that a substantial majority favour the use of early human em-

By Thomson Premice Science Cote

work in tremendous benefits it offers. has been almost fully

mi-of people than a screaming match." It says: "The ethical status, and thus the legal protection that society gives to the early stages of human development is not just a matter of scientific observation. Philosophical determination, personal conviction, and religious belief must be taken into account, in a reasoned and

tolerant atmosphere." • The national breast cancer on a computerized, call and screening programme, which recall system for patients.

disease, are less willing to take part than younger women.

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the Minister for Health, defended the system in an interview on BBC Radio 4 vesterday. She said Britain was the first country in the European Community to introduce a nationwide programme based

## £2m year drug cash shipped out of Britain

By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs Correspondent

DRUGS traffickers and their couriers are moving at least £2 million a year in cash through British airports and harbours, sometimes with little attempt to conceal the consignments Customs officials said

yesterday. The disclosure followed the publication on Thursday of a report that estimated that about £52 billion of drug profits are being laundered each year in the United States

and Europe. Most of the cash is being exported to the Continent hidden in cars or lorries, with the rest - mainly the proceeds of American-based drugs deals - arriving in couriers' suit-cases at Heathrow Airport, London. Consignments, comprising used notes of small denominations, generally range from £240,000 to £500,000.

Until now, traffickers have not made great attempts to conceal the money. After the enactment last month of a Bill empowering police and Cus-toms to seize suspect cash hoards, they are certain to

become more canny. Customs sources say that in a number of cases, large amounts of cash have simply been found in desposts of cars packed into plante bin liners. Other consignments, though, have been hidden in petrol tanks and in dior finings.

A gang-based on the south coast that shipped hage quantities of cannabis resin into Britain from Morocco in 1988, later moved £840,000 in cash to The Netherlands. The horde was detected as members of the gang drove through Customs control at a Channel

ort. Customs officials say the fact that most of the cash movements seem to be "exports is a clear sign that tradictors find it more diffi-cult to launder their proceeds in Britain than elsewhere. They freely accept, though, that a stoportion of the cash spinted bit of the country later finds its way back to British banks in electronic credit transfers

The linchpin of Britain's defence against laundering is the 1986 Drug Trafficking Offences Act, which outlaws the practice and imposes a legal duty on finance houses to report to investigators sus-picious transactions. The legislation, which puts Britain ahead of most other countries, apart from the United States has led courts to convict 11 people for laundering and to confiscate traffickers' assets

totalling £16 million. Since April, police and Cus-toms have had the power to seize and hold hoards believed to arise from narcotics dealing for up to two years. Funds can be held for the first 48 hours, but thereafter permission has to be granted by a magistrate.

## James Watt's statue ends its travels across Scotland

the engineer James Watt, will come to an end today when pus west of Edinburgh. his statue is trandled across central Scotland to its final resting place at Heriot-Wait

University. The statue of Watt, who developed the steam engine; papers on his lap and a pair of

THE wanderings and humili- was unveiled in 1854, but it mathematical dividers chutchations suffered by one of has taken almost 150 years to ed in his hand. Scotland's most famous sons, rest in peace in the sylvan groves of the Riccarton cam-

> The 6ft tall statue is modelled on an original sculpture now in Westminster Abbey, It shows the Greenock-born; engineer-inventor scated, with

name from Watt and was established partly as a memorial to the great engineer. Over the years, however, generations of students have not treated his solemn stone figure with the respect it

Watt's statue was first sited in the centre of Adam Square, in front of the Watt Institution and School of Arts, which predated Heriot-Watt University. In 1870, Adam Square was demolished to make way for the new Chambers Street in the centre of Edinburgh. The institution was rebuilt there and Watt's statue positioned on the first floor. It was shifted again last July iust before the university vacated its Chambers Street premises to consolidate its

position outside the city. Wati's figure was moved yet again, to Shotts, Lanarkshire. for a clean-up. Today the statue will be lowered on to a permanent plinth in front of the James Watt Centre at

Riccarton.

## Inheritance provides £11.5m windfall for museums

paintings in lieu of inheritance tax liability of £7,329,387, Mr Richard Luce, Ministerfor the Arts, said in the Commons yesterday. The decision brings total government expenditure on the scheme in the financial year just ended to a record of over £11.5 million.

Four of the pictures came from the estate of the late Mrs Eva Borthwick-Norton in Hampshire, and satisfied tax of over £6.5 million. In her will, Mrs Borthwick-Norton directed that the pictures

displayed at the Royal Scottish

State for Scotland, is to allocate the paintings "in a manner consistent with the testator's wishes as expressed in her will", Mr Luce said in answer to a parliamentary question from Sir Hal Miller, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove.

There has been a dispute between the Royal Scottish Academy and the National Gallery of Scotland over the allocation of the paintings. Mr Riskind is expected to make an announcement in due course.

Mrs Borthwick-Norton died aged should either passed to or be 96 in February, 1988. She directed

that the pictures, a portrait by Rubens, a view of Wageningen by Hercules Seghers and two full-length portraits by Gainsborough, should pass to the Academy.

Although the announcement does not indicate where the paintings will be displayed, it is believed future arrangements are under discussion between the academy, the National Galleries of Scotland and the Scottish Education Department.

Mr Luce said the other pictures included a portrait of the children of Heary Herbert, First Lord Porchester, by William Beechey in lieu of £151,489 tax, and a painting by Lucas de Heere entitled "The Fam-

ily of Henry VIII: an allegory of the Tudor succession", in satisfaction of "The acceptance of the Lucas de

Heere and the group of four paintings was made possible by the arrangements first announced by Lord Gowrie in 1985, and brings the total call on the reserve for 1989-90 to £9,977,898 and total expenditure on the acceptance in lieu scheme for that year to over £11.5-million.

"This is a record amount for a single financial year and demonstrates beyond doubt the important and vital role of the scheme and its benefits to individual estates. In accordance with the conditions on which they were offered, the Beechey and de Heere will remain in situ at Highelere Castle, Berkshire, and Sudeley Castle, Gloucestershire, respectively.

Miss Heather Wilson, who handled negotiations for the acceprances on behalf of the Museums and Galleries Commission, said last night: "We are delighted. The scheme is healthy and a wide range of objects has been accepted for museums throughout the country. The total purchase grant for our national museums stands at about £13 million, so this scheme is incredibly important for them. It has produced a wonderful windfall."

what use is a £100 cheque card? none at all if you don't write cheques over £50.

## China reacts angrily to vote for Nationality Bill

From Jonathan Brande Hong Kong

CHINA reacted swiftly and angrily vesterday to Parliament's second reading of the Nationality Bill, calling it a breach of Britain's solemn international obligations and an attempt to retain control over Hong Kong after it reverts to Chinese control

Local people, however, complained that the offer of full British citizenship to 50,000 key Hong Kong families does not go far enough.

A spokesman for the New China News Agency, China's de facto embassy in the colony, said the Bill conflicted with the memorandum on nationality attached to the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration on the future of Hong Kong. It also breached China's nationality laws under which all ethnic Chinese in Hong Kong are considered Chinese

He artacked Britain's decision to award passports without consulting Peking and gave a warning that far from encouraging key personnel to remain in the territory the Bill would be divisive and lead to an increased exodus from the territory.

He said the Bill was an attempt to change "the Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong" sentiment of the Joint Declaration to "British people ruling Hong Kong".

Warning that China will not recognize the new passports, the spokesman said Peking reserved the right to take unspecified "corresponding measures".

Hong Kong legislators,

daunted by the Chinese attack, vowed to continue the fight for more passports. Dr Leung Chi-hung, Legislative Councillor, said the council would push for full United Kingdom citizenship for all 3,750,000 British subjects in the territory.

Mr Jack Edwards, a campaigner for war veterans' rights, welcomed the Government's announcement that the widows of British expatriates and ex-servicemen would be granted the right to enter Britain and become eligible for citizenship after three years residence.

He said, however, that it did not go far enough and demanded full passport rights for all of them.

BRITISH Asians yesterday accused Mr Norman Tebbit of being 'hurtful, scandalous, very silly" and offensive to Britain's ethnic population with his contention that Asians in Britain had failed to pass the "cricket test of loyalty" (Helen Johnstone writes).

The former Conservative Party chairman, who led an unsuccessful Tory revolt against the Government's plans to give 50,000 Hong Kong residents British passports, had said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times newspaper that the "cricket test" was an interesting

"Which side do they cheer for?" he asked. Were they still harking back to where they came from or where they were, he wondered. He ggested: "We've got real problems in that regard."

Professor Bhikhu Parekh, of Hull University, who recently stepped down as deputy chairman of the

said Mr Tebbit's remarks were

"It is absolutely disgraceful for someone of his experience and stature to say this kind of thing. Is loyalty a matter of cheering a cricket team or of a fundamental affiliation to a country's way of life."

Professor Parekh said the Asian community in Britain should be judged, among other things, by their ability to abide by the country's laws. By that test, he said, Asians would be adjudged much better than indigenous whites.

They will not only be offended, but totally outraged - and they will feel betrayed," he added.

Norman Tebbit, page 10 Leading article, page 11

## Labour whips attacked over missing votes

of its MPs failed to vote against the Government on the second reading of the Bill to give 50,000 Hong Kong residents British passports.

As Mr Norman Tebbit criticized the opposition chief whip for failing to deliver Labour MPs into division lobbies against the Bill, Labour MPs on the left and rightblamed its front bench for misjudging the mood of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

The Labour whips, how-ever, shrugged off the criti-cism. They said they had calculated that they would have been unable to defeat the Government because the minority parties had pledged to back the second reading of the

#### **Doubts** cast over future of Tebbit

CONSERVATIVE MPs were speculating yesterday on the impact the Hong Kong nationality Bill vote would have on Mr Norman Tebbit's in the party. leadership ambitions or desire to play the role of "king-maker" when Mrs Thatcher retires (Richard Ford writes).

Although Mr Tebbit put himself at the head of 80 Bray, Dr Gordon Brown, Mr Tory MPs opposed to the legislation, only 43 of them voted against the Government in one of the most serious backbench Tory rebellions since Mrs Thatcher came to power.

While opponents in the party suggested in the immediate aftermath of the vote that the scale of the Government victory had seriously damaged him, Mr Tebbit typically turned the attack to Labour, blaming it for failing to produce all its MPs in the divison lobbies.

His natural constituency in the party has been estimated at between 25 to 50 MPs from the right wing but even among them there are those who doubt whether he could be considered a serious challenger to lead the party.

THE Labour leadership was British Nationality (Hong under attack yesterday after 54 Kong) Bill. The Government won the division by 97 votes. Labour whips said yesterday that 24 of their MPs abstained in the vote, with the rest being paired or given permission to be absent, in spite of the imposition of a three-line

> such as Dr Gordon Brown, Ms Clare Short, Mr Martin O'Neill and Mrs Llin Golding, a whip, were given permission

> Mr Tebbit called for the resignation of Mr Derek Foster, Labour's chief whip. He asked: "Where was the Labour Party? This was a three-line whip and they simply could not muster their troops. They have the most incompetent whips' office the Labour Party has ever had."

Several Labour MPs blamed the party's front beach rather than the whips. A rightwing MP accused Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, of putting forward unconvincing arguments, and Mr Max Madden, MP for Bradford West, said Labour's leaders had misread opinion

Labour MPs who did not vote were Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Tony Benn, Mr David Blunkett, Corbyn, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Tom Cox, Mrs Gwyneth Dun-woody, Mr John Evans, Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Ted Garrett, Dr John Gilbert, Mrs Lin Golding, Mrs Mildred Gordon, Mr Ber-nie Grant, Mr Eric Heffer, Mr Denis Howell, Mr John Hughes, Denis Howell, Mr John Hughes, Mr Robert Hughes, Mr Sean Hughes, Mr Greville Janner, Mr David Lambie, Mr James Lamond, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Allen McKay, Mr Robert McTaggart, Mr Max Madden, Mr James Marshall, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Elliott Mor-Martin O'Neill, Mr Robert Parry, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Merlyn Rees, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Peter Shore, Ms Clare Short Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Gerald

## Labour launches broadside on Tory 'rigging'



Labour took to the water yesterday to launch the latest phase of its local election campaign, with Mr Bryan Gould, second left, the shadow environment secretary, hosting a press conference on board a Thames launch to mark the start of the party's

campaign for the May 3 election in the 32 London boroughs. Affoat with Mr Gould were

the television actors Ram John Holder, Michael Cashman and David Holder, Counciller Margaret Hodge, leader of Islington Council and (right) Mrs Glynis Thornton, chair of the London Labour Party. In nautical style, Mr Gould condemned the "rigged" sys-

"The poll tax levels would be halved in most London boroughs if every London council had received the same

levels of government grant as Wandsworth," Mr Gould said. Wandsworth's total spending had been financed by central hanging on to their flagship

capital, Wandsworth and government. Similar support Westminster, to levy low poll would have led to a drop in the taxes of £148 and £195 a poll tax of Labour-run Hammersmith and Fulham from £425 to £203 and in Torycontrolled Bromley from £283 to just £89.

"I think that shows how the grant system has been rigged Vandsworth," Mr Gould said. to produce the political eut-He said that 85.5 per cent of come which will maximise the Tories' chances, they hope, of

## Towyn waits for aid

Mr Kenneth Baker, Conservative Party chairman, offered sympathy but no immediate cash help to flood victims during a visit to Towyn, Clwyd, yesterday. The Government had already doubled its aid for the devastated village to £150,000, he said. Mr Baker promised that under the Bellwin formula the Government would provide local councils with 85 per cent of tem of Government grants to local authorities, which he the cash required for the clearance operation. He said it would said had helped the two Tory wait and see how much local authorities spend above the "flagship" councils in the Bellwin formula before providing more money.

boroughs in Wandsworth and Westminster," Mr Gould said. • Next month's local council Next mount of finally mean elections would finally mean clections would in that "the party was some" in local government, Re. John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday.
It was more than 12 years since Labour's Mr Tony
Crosland had warned local

government that "party time" was over, he said. Mr Crosland was right but pre-mature. The rates had hidden the true cost of local councils but "the community charge brought home to everyone how much their local council costs", Mr Wakeham said. The village of Vaynor in Mid Glamorgan is to hold a referendum on whether to save an extra £15 levy on a poli tax charge of £266.66 by dishardLocal election campaign

## Greens look to rustic romantics for a revival in the Cotswolds

southern Cotswolds of Gloucestershire.

Further conservationist bat-

tles have helped to give the

impression of a Green movement comparable with the campaigns in the Netherlands. West Germany and the United States, over the ozone layer, acid rain and Brazilian rain forests, and oil pollution. On closer inspection, it seems that the Cotswold Greens are both milder and more parochial in Stroud, where some of the locals

staged a "sit-in" to save some Georgian shops eight years ago, a protest began last year to save beech trees laring the road to a supermarket. The

Stroud, which is one of the few industrial towns in the Cotswolds, now has several Greens on the conneil and hopes for more.

On the way to visit a 19th century Gothic folly and bat sanctuary, a typical Green weekend outing, I met Mr Michael Offord, who had once tussled with demolition men in an effort to save a 940s hotel in nearby Nailsworth.

A cheese-maker by occupation, and a devotee of the novels of Evelyn Wangh, who lived in the area, Mr Offord is canvassing for the Greens in the local government elections. "People always ask," What are your policies?," he said with a smile. However, he

hostility to the poll text. Income tax, even more than the poll tax, threatens the Cotsweld Greens, who send to belong to the hard-hit group of the low-income self-em-

the low-income sen-employed, with none of the comforts of peasion rights, company cars, expenses, paid holidays and insurance.

Typical Green jobs are upholsteres, maker of "astural farnitise" (such as a mirror set in a nicce of distributed). potter, biodynamic farmer or, to quote an advertisement, "self-tadgiri" leather-worker specializing in made to mea-

one shoes for difficultyfeet".
Some of the local rustics make fim of the Greens. "Of it have a half pound of that ozone-friendly butter," one said in a grocer's shop, where the background sausic was Elgar's Cello Concerto. The invading losts who drove Evelyn Waugh from his home near Dausley, live on as

bikers in leather jackets. A band of hippies invaded Horsley and kept the valley concert. A few years ago, thugs at Circacester invaded the Christmas midnight service in the medieval church, shouting obscenities

"The next year, we were Burka's "Sewage Garden" at locked in," one of the Oaklands Park.

THE last European elections worshippers said, "but this produced a startling surge for time they thumped on the the Green Party in, of all door, screaming the same places, the very Conservative four letter words." This part of the Cotswolds

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lies in or around what estate agents call "the Royal triangle", defined by the homes of the Princess Royal, Prince Michael of Kent and Prince Charles, who has landed the new extension at Circucester Agricultural College because it uses local materials. He has endorsed local "eco-friendly" services, but had to confess

ONE third of the council sents in Strond, 18 in all, are up for election this year. The Couservatives are the largest single ents but do not have overall control and are fre Greens three. The Greens, who are contesting eight state are hopeful of boosting their representation while the Conservatives need a net gain of seven seats to take control.

that he could not afford to adapt his boiler to burning stubble, approved by ecologi-Cotswold Greens, who are

also Anglicans, are divided about whether to go along with Prince Charles on reviv ing the 1662 Prayer Book. After the last European elections, some of the New Right intellectuals floated the theory that Greens were really

Reds in a new guise.

The Cotswold Greens, however, are not ideologists, certainly not of the left. Some support the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament but take little interest in campaigns over South Africa, Northern Ireland and Central America. Militant feminists and homosessuis are not inevidence, indeed most of the Cotswold Greens have large

\*\*\*\* month's Nailsworth Festival bills such fare as "Men's Wounds/Men's Mysteries ... we will explain our relationship to another and archetypes such as the Great Mother and the Wild Man." There is a course in Veil Painting and Eurofibury and a musical Eurythiny, and a musical drama on Ivor Gurney, "Gloucestershire's poet, composer and tormented genius". There is a week's Workshop of Living Water: "John Wilkes has been investigating the language of water. Inspired by Theodore Schwenk (1910-1986), these investig awake with an all-night rock have been based on the metamorphic potential manifesting in water. The workshop begins with a lecture, "Water-Sensitive Chaos", and ends with an optional visit to Ewe

## Rees-Mogg attacks plan to split Arts Council

structure arts funding with more power being given to the regions met stiff resistance in the Lords yesterday. A number of peers with links to the arts world expressed concern about the erosion of the arms-length principle of government funding

Some were worried that the Arts Council would become an right people to serve on it. Lord Rees-Mogg, a former chairman of the Arts Council, said that the debate arose out of the Wilding report and the

statement to the Commons by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, on March 13. The report, although controversial in parts, had been generally welcomed. It was the which might not have been perfectly understood, that had led to difficulties.

It had led also to the resignation of Mr Luke Rittner as Secretary General of the Arts

Council The report had recommended substantial devolution of the arts from direct funding by the Arts Council to funding by the regional arts. But it recommended that some 40 companies with national status should remain directly funded

by the Arts Council. Mr Luce's statement had been taken to mean almost total devolution from the Arts Council to the regional arts association. It certainly set up a steering committee to be run by the head of the Office of Arts and Libraries, a civil servant from the Government: That

tion, only leaving the Arts Council with a strategic role plus oversight of the regional arts associations, plus oversight of the five big national companies, would actually leave an Arts Council which was not suf-ficiently strong to be able to do the job it was left with. "If this proposal for complete

Steinberg, Mr Roger Stott, Mr Pat Wall, Mr Brian Wilson and

devolution were to take place, the probability is that a good deal of money would be lost to the serious arts. The Arts Coun-cil would indeed be left a shell." It had been suggested that in those circumstances the Arts Council would be left with a staff of 20 compared with the 160 at present and they would not have a sufficient range of experience and skill to undertake the tasks that would be

expected of them. It would not be possible to get people experienced in the arts to work for the Arts Council for nothing, or for its panels to continue their work, because there would be no attraction in working for a body that had been reduced to that dimension.

Starting with the BBC there had been a principle that governments kept out of the operation of broadcasting and the operation of the arts. "Independence of the Arts

Council is not something which should be regarded as a seifish benefit for the Arts Council itself. It is the separation between the creative artist, the performing arts companies and the government of the day, which has to be maintained." He asked for three assurances

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he welcomed the proposed Treasury ever agree to earn decentralization of control and ing savings in such a way? responsibility. However, he recognized the dangers which might arise from devolving authority to regional bodies of varying efficiency and experi-ence who could not be relied on always to exercise the skill, and perhaps not even the integrity, which had characterized the Arts Council as the state's main distributor of its patronage.

Could regional bodies resist the temptation of politicians at local level to impose their will upon regional bodies as successfully as the Arts Council had resisted the temptation nationally? Possibly not.

The proposition of the armslength principle was not to be thrown away but strengthened to ensure that it was adopted at a regional level, possibly even to a greater extent than it had existed at national level. Politicians must keep their fingers out of the pie.

Donaldson Lord Kingsbridge, another former arts minister, said that Mr Wilding had recommended that the money saved from the proposals should be used further to help the arts. But would the



Treasury ever agree to earmark-

The minister had decided to leave the Arts Council with nothing more to do than allocate an agreed share of the whole to the major institutions. This was emasculating the Arts Council to an extent which was certainly

This was not a new situation but one peers had seen too often in the last few years where the Government thought up a scheme, almost invariably based on a reasonable desire to save money, and then forced it through in the teeth of those best acquainted with the practical realities

Lord Goodman, a former Arts Council chairman, stressed the need to maintain the hallowed arms-length principle. If the Government's policy

were put into effect there would be great difficulty in finding an insurance company to issue a policy on the survival of the Arts Council.

Lord Rees-Mogg had put forward a compromise. This was to be supported in the sense that it is better to have something than nothing, but the Government should think again. The people who or-ganized the policy knew little about the Arts Council and its functions which had nothing to do with money. It advised the Government, for example, on convright, on censorship and ernment should reconsider its

For the structure to work it must be properly funded. A report on the future of the Royal report on the hiture of the Royal Opera House and the Royal Shakespeare Company had been forgotten by the Arts Council and the formula suggested had been ignored: As a result, for five years, the Royal Opera House had suffered a reduction in its grant every year, so that last year it had sustained a 15 per cent cut in real terms. The per cent cut in real terms. The Government was now offering an increase of 11 per cent, substantially more than inflation, but if the past two years were taken together, last year's very small grant of 1.7 per cent and the 11 per cent, there was still a cut over two years of 3 per

The very worthy objective of getting more funds into the regions should not be at the expense of the major arts in-stitutions of the country, because they served the nation

Lord Asman, former chairman of the National Gallery, said it followed naturally from other policy decisions that there should be some devolution, but this created problems. Was the superb symphony orchestra in Birmingham to be considered a national orchestra or a provin-

cial orchestra? It was the end of an era. The Arts Council would look like the old University Grants Committeee which the Government had abolished. The Arts Council was to be given the

for the rest of the country. If standards declined, then Britain would be elbowed out all the cultural best and the whole country's standards would fall.

ing its community council.

Lord Birkett (Ind) said that there was a worry that in some subtle way membership of the regional boards, and perhaps the Arts Coucil itself, would become drawn from people who held very similar views. The House needed to be reassured that representation would be

Of the principles of indepen-dence and the degree of devolu-tion, the former was by far the more important and any erosion of that would be most danserous. The proposal to allow local councillors to become chairmen of the boards was also dangerous as it would introduce a political element.

Lord Gibson (Ind), also a former chairman of the Arts Council, said that devolution had become inevitable because of the increase in the Arts Council's work. The only issue was one of degree.

The Wilding report had understood the danger of leaving the Arts Council - a successful embodiment of the arms-length principle -- with too little to do. It was that which made him fear for the council's future independence. Scaled down it would become a talking shop and sooner or later a talking shop could be dispensed with.

Dem) said that the Government

She said that all the regional chairmen should be members of the Arts Council, otherwise there would be a genuine feeling that some regions would get a better deal than others. Equally, unless the Arts Council included those from all the regional bodies as a basic part of the decision-making process, the opportunity for divide and the rule" by government would increase dangerously. She was worthed because the

gap between the Aris Conneci and the Government was becoming disturbingly narrow. Lord Hesketh, Government spokesman on the arts, said that there was nothing in the reforms which was intended to diminish the role of the Arts Council. The

changes would enable the council to develop its key strategic role of determining national in addition, the council would retain and develop a wide range of specific responsibilities which could be handled sensibly only at national level. It would continue to fund directly the four national companies, the Royal Opera House, the Faelish Royal Opera House, the English National Opera, the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Royal National Theatre, as well as the South Bank Centre and

some other organizations still to be determined. It would also

stay responsible for tonning

innovation, broadcasting, inter-national affairs, research, edit-cation and training. Lord Bonhaus-Carter (Lib satisfy itself in fathire that the Dem) said that the Government standards of excellence in the

would go up from three to five

Mr Luce recognized that there were concerns about his pro-posals. This was why he had appointed Mr Timothy Mason to manage the changes, it would be the job of Mr Mason, the widely respected director of the Scottish Aris Council, to advise the minister on details after having consulted the bodies

The minister intends that the Arts Council will remain a strong and robust

Nothing proposed by the Government would compromise the Art Council's in-dependence. Decisions about the allocation of the council's grant-in-sid, about the funding of individual arts bodies would continue to be the sole responsibility of the council and the regional boards.

Only two Bills get through

by state

ONLY two of the 20 private members' Bills down for consideration in the Commons yes-terday made any progress. Most of the five hours available was spent on detailed discussion of the Licensing (Low Alcohol Drinks) Bill, which redefines low alcohol drinks that can be sold in non-licensed premises. The measure which is spon-sored by Sir Peter Emery

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## revival warning over funding for quake work

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

SCIENTISTS gave a warning embarrassed by the mistaken yesterday that an earthquake location of the source of the of the type which last year earthquake, the researchers badly damaged the town of are using the incident to Newcastle, in Australia, could reinforce their case for an happen in Britain, and that a improvement in their scismic lack of instruments and funds monitoring equipment and could hamper their chances of the establishment of a proper alerting the public.

Their warning comes from a which they now say was said an event like the last centred under hisbop's Castle, would be devastating if miles from the original location given — beneath Wrexham, in north Wales.

The researchers have also modified calculations of the size of the disturbance from magnitude 5.4 on the Richter scale to magnitude 5.0, or the equivalent of unleashing the energy of 1,000 tons of TNT 14 kms (8.7 miles) beneath in the search for after-shocks.

The latest findings indicate that earthquakes of up to geological fault that caused the magnitude 6, of the type violent movement. magnitude 6, of the type which devastated the town of - Newcastle last year could happen in Britain

Preliminary details were presented yesterday by scientists from the British Geological Survey's Global Scismology Research Group, from Edinburgh, to a meeting of the UK Geophysical Assembly at Plymouth Rather than feeling

## **Fund seeks** rethink on transport

By Robin Stacey

CARBON dioxide pollution of the atmosphere from car they were among a potential exhausts will increase by more than 30 per cent in the next 15 years unless the Government and public get to grips with changing transport habits now, a report suggests.

If the changes are success ful, carbon dioxide emissions could be cut by 20 per cent,
according to The Rone
Ahead, a survey by World
Wide Fund for Nature-UK.

Based on a comprehensive assessment of public attendes to air pollution by MORI, the " survey calls for far-reaching changes to reduce car exhaust emissions, responsible for 50 per cent of the greenhouse

Cars also put out carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas, and nitrogen oxides, which contribute towards acid rain.

The WWF action plan ranges from reducing national speed limits to improving faclities for cyclists and pedes-trians. It also proposes abol-ishing subsidies for company cars, making manufacturers use more efficient engines and increasing fuel prices.

The research by MORI showed that 67 per cent of those sampled want a greater price differential between leaded and unleaded petrol and more than half want the. introduction of catalytic converters.

Just under half want more use of public transport, while 44 per cent back fuel efficiency standards for new cars, 39 per cent favour restricting city centre communier traffic and 17 per cent approve a 60mph

national network

Earthquakes may be us study of the British earth- usual events in Britain, but Dr quake of three weeks ago, Chris Browitt, of the survey centred under Bishop's Castle, would be devastating if it Shropshire, which moves it 37 happened beneath one of the older cities like Birmingham

> The size of the distr the second largest this century in the British Isles, was felt from Brighton to Carlisle and Excier to Dublin.

ning, with seismic monitors which could provide crucial information about the type of

Dr Browitt said there were enormous gaps in coverage especially in central England. Scientists are uncertain how often earthquakes have

shaken parts of the British Isles and how frequently they should be expected to arise. Records show that in the past 150 years there have been shocks as large as the Bishop's Castle quake in the south of

Dr Browitt said the risks of carthquakes were seldom taken into account in Britain when the sites and construc-

tion of bridges and tunnels were being considered. He said such risk analysis was coming increasingly into the calculations of the nuclear and chemical industries, and cusiomer group that the Department of the Environment was helping to identify as collaborators in a national

seismic network. The network is needed to help scientists pin down where and how the disturbances are

most likely to occur.

The latest measurements from hishop's Castle indicate how the rock strata moved.

#### Father left helpless as boy died

A FATHER watched help-lessly as his son, aged 14, was crushed to death on a football terrace, the jury at the Hillsborough inquest was told yesterday. Adam Spearritt went to the semi-final match with his father, Mr Edward Spearritt, and the two were trapped in pen four on the Leppings Lane terrace.

After the hearing the family's solicitor said that Adam's mother, Mrs Spearritt, had searched for 12 hours not knowing whether her son was dead or alive.

Due to the pressure of the crowd on Mr Spearnitt he was unable to help his son. Professor Stephen Jones said death was from trainmatic asohyxia.

The coroner also dealt with the inquest on Mr Gerard Baron, aged 67, a retired postal worker of Preston, Lancashire. He died from traumatic asphyxia. The level of alcohol in his body was nil.

## Gas canister arrest

A French tourist was arrested at the Central Criminal Court in London yesterday when he was found to have a CS gas canister in his possession. The man, aged 21, who set off the new high technology security system alarm at the court, was taken away for questioning at Snow Hill police station.

The unnamed man explained that the small canisters were freely available in France for presented assertion and be supported.

freely available in France for personal protection and he was released after a caution.

#### A panel of doctors at Riber Castle, standing in 25

Broadmoor is to decide next acres high above Mattock, week if Ronnie Kray will be Derbyshire, that changed allowed to see the new film hands for £540 28 years ago is about his life of crime. The

#### Rape sentence Bank remand

Kenneth Sweeney, aged 22, of An unemployed man, Akin Veronica Crescent, Kirkcaldy, Guletekin, aged 36, of no fixed who pleaded guilty to two abode was remanded in cuscharges of assault and rape on 'tody until May 4 at Bow Street two sisters, aged four and six, Magistrates' Court yesterday was jailed for 10 years at the accused of attempting to steal High Court in Edinburgh £9 million from the National

#### Cut in hours

More than 1,200 workers at the Vosper Thornycroft ship-building yards. Hampshire, yesterday agreed to a new pay and conditions package including a two-hour reduction in the working week.

## Four-ton lens

Seum. Penzance.

## Kray film panel Castle for sale

for sale as a wild life park for offers around £1.5 million.

Westminster Bank.

#### Cars destroyed

A 1961 Porsche, valued at £20,000, was one of seven cars destroyed yesterday in a garage fire at Whitstable. A man is beloing police.

## Police meeting

The Labour-controlled Derbyshire Police Authority has arranged a meeting with Lord A 13ft wide, four-ton lens Ferrers, Home Office Minworth more than £5 million, is ister, to try to resolve the the main exhibit in the new stalemate over the appoint-National Lighthouse Mu ment of Mr John Weselby as chief constable.

Scientists in Lesser flamingos multiply through the looking glass



Slimbridge, Gloucestershire yes-serday, could be forgiven for thinkog they had strayed through the looking glass into wonderland (Roth Gledhill writes).

The pink flaminges are the subject of an experiment with mirrors to de them that they are suraded by thousands of other s, as they would be in their natural habitat. By simulating this

honed to encourage them to breed in captivity and so avoid replenishing the flock from the wild.

No zoo in the world has succeeded yet in persuading small flocks to breed although a single chick is reported to have hatched in the

The idea of installing six 8ft by 4ft mirrors in their house at Slimbridge is that the birds, which have been

enlarged. Dr Simon Pickering, flamisgo research officer at Slim-bridge, who developed the scheme with the late Sir Peter Scott, has tagged each bird and pairings have already been noted.

In the wild, the lesser flaming go through a dramatic display period

"When displaying they come to-gether in a tightly packed group of birds where they toach each other. They then do this head flagging, when they hold their neck erect and

move their head from side to side. They make a bonking, braying noise and do wing salmes. They flash out their wings and this exposes the crimson and black feathering.

"When we installed the mirrors it was quite dramatic. They started wing flagging and honking and pushing each other around.

Eggs may be laid in June. Slimbridge was the first place in the UK to breed Caribbean, Chilean and

greater flamingos.

• A campaign to rescue the stone-

curley, one of Britain's rarest birds. from the threat of extinction has been launched in Berkshire. Only 160 breeding pairs still exist, mainly in the Breckland of East Anglia

(Michael Hornsby writes). The Royal Society for the Protect tion of Birds is to seek the help of farmers and landowners in creating and conserving the habitats that the stone-curlews need to breed. The first of the birds started arriving this month from their wintering grounds in Europe and Africa.

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THANDRAND OF A TALE OF DIRECT OF DIR

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

anything to do with attempts own hanging," he said. to monitor their performance in the classroom until the Government restores teachers' negotiating rights.

the National Association of Women Teachers in Scarborough voted unanimously to withdraw co-operation with any schemes to appraise the work of teachers.

The decision comes after the announcement earlier this year by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, that he was not prepared to implement an appraisal scheme approved by the union.

By linking the issue to the that were abolished in 1987 the union has made it clear to ministers that it takes both issues seriously.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said: "Mr MacGregor says he wants to explore other systems of appraisal and is consulting with industry. But we know that the Government wants performance-related pay for leachers and wants an appraisal scheme linked to that."

He condemned other unions who were continuing co-operate with pilot

118.000 state school teachers ers' work. "They are helping nesses and remedying them. yesterday refused to have to build the scaffold for their

Mr Peter Tippetts, a comprehensive school teacher from Southampton, said teachers would not be happy The annual conference of unless they were sure that appraisal was being done to Schoolmasters/Union of help their professional development and that those who carried it out were properly trained and qualified.

He said: "I do not wish to be judged by some jumped-up clown with an eye to the main chance who has not the skill or the time or the knowledge to do the job properly.

"Anything that is based on the present system of ill informed snap judgements which brand us as poor or unsatisfactory and then leave us to stew in our own juice will make the whole profession a laughing stock."

A national appraisal scheme would work properly only if enough money was put in to enable teachers to get proper training to overcome shortcomings identified by the

Mr Bruce Reynolds from Tonbridge, Kent, said the general public appeared to have the idea that teacher appraisal was about "weeding out lazy and incompetent teachers". It should be about improving the quality of

DELEGATES representing schemes for assessing teach- teaching by identifying weak-

The conference went on to urge the Government to recognize that the most important thing in schools was the quality of teaching.

Miss Sheila Mountain teacher from Streatham, south London, said that work in the classroom was continually undervalued to the point where even the television soap operas had begun to reflect public concern.

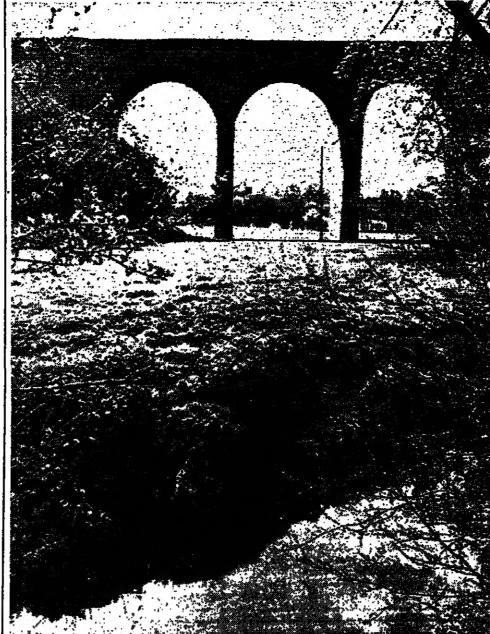
In an episode of Granada

Television's Coronation Street last week the character Ken Barlow, a former teacher, had been asked what was wrong with wanting to return to teaching. He had said: "It is underpaid, undervalued, they are overworked and men of my age are leaving in droves." Miss Mountain said:

When we are achieving this level of publicity we have to realize it is an issue people are really talking about. Like Ken Barlow of Coronation Street, I feel undervalued, underpaid and over worked. We need to educate the Government and we need to educate school governors and parents about what we are facing.

"I want to teach in the classroom and I want to be valued for it. I believe in my educational ideals."

Village fights to save viaduct



Arch endeavour: Villagers in East Norton, Leicestershire, are hoping to persuade the Department of the Environment to list this railway viaduct, built in 1870, to

## Unions leave conferences amid strife and confusion

By David Tytler, Education Editor

A WEEK of confusion, bad temper and politicking ended last night with the likely prospect of strikes by teachers soon after the beginning of the mmer term pext week

The two largest unions, representing about 300,000 eachers, have now finished the ritual round of annual Union of Teachers (NUT), the noisiest and most bad tem-pered, found its conference in the grip of the hard left amidst accusations by its new general secretary that his union was

being manipulated by the Militant Tendency.

Mr Dong McAvoy was given a rough ride by about half the 1,400 delegates in Bournemouth when he told them to go back to facir schools and ask their colleagues whether they were in favour of an immediate nat-

ional pay strike. He could hardly make him-self heard above the din when he shouted: "The answer will be not" The noise was come as much from the equally large numbers of teachers who were clapping and cheering him as those who were jeering and

There can be little doubt though, that Mr McAvey is right. The vast majority of his members would not support a pay strike now; any attempt to foist one on them would lead to a further catastrophic less of members to one of the mose moderate unions.

The NUT leadership infin ated the left by ruling out of order the overwhelmi that national strikes should held in support of teach

The real danger of specialic local strikes is likely to arre ater in the year, or ev following years. The MUT, like its main rival the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NAS/EWT), is striking at individual school or in specific local antiferitie

tem should be set by aves

There is a widespread fear fuelled by many on the bard who, as a result of the new m, are now responsible for the day-to-day running of their schools, will be forced to sack experienced, and there-fore more expensive teachers,

to make ends meet. Mr Nigel de Gruchy, who took over as general secretary of the NAS/UWT this week, is talking in terms of 15,000 teachers losing their jobs, a form the claim that Mr John Mac- he said.

Gregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, dis-Mr MacGregor says there is

no reason why any teacher should be forced to leave their schools. Transitionary arrangements should protect teachers, and he would expect

ngering difficulties. Privately, officials of the NUT agree with him. While keeping the right to strike, they believe that they will be able to negotiate satisfactory local deals for any teachers intestened with redundancy. Mr de Grachy, however, is

clear mandate to ballot memsupport of their pay cla later in the year, probably in a

series of one-day strikes. He says: "Strikes are almost inevitable over the next few years as I am sure the reserv ment will spread into other

## 'Curriculum tests open to abuse'

TEACHERS will be able to fiddle" the new National to get their pupils better marks, a teachers' union leader said yesterday (Dougles

Mas Sue Rogers, senior vice resident of the NAS/UWT

slize that some parts wil they get the children to do well in those parts of the test they

It was open to them to "play During a del

mworksbie Mr Nigel

Mr Robin Cooper, of the national executive, said there was "a whole industry" ing up around the new a ment tests and many of those setting the tasks had no experieace of teaching pupils of the age they were trying to assess A spokesman for the School Examinations and Assess-ment Council said he was

dismayed by the teachers comments. We are only start ing the pilot studies next week and we have yet to finalize the form that the tests will take

## Scots 'poisoned' by polluted tap water

THE Government was ac-cused by the Scottish National Party yesterday of poisoning people by failing to act to end the pollution of water supplies (Kerry Gill writes).

Mr Andrew Welsh, MP for Angus East, claimed 30 per cent of Scottish families were

rom the Highlands to Borders, is being poisoned by our tap water daily. Yet the

of the Earth to highlight the dangers of water pollution.

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Towns cut off

as floods hit

east Australia

From Robert Cockburn, Sydney THOUSANDS of people are stranded, towns cut off, and Evans, a farmer, says he has

declared in Queensland where

farmers were suffering a

The Royal Australian Air

Force is evacuating families and is making emergency food drops to isolated towns and

farms where stocks for people

and animals have been de-stroyed. At least 15,000 sheep

are estimated to have perished

on low-lying pastures. Flood-ing has reached as far south as

Sydney, which has received its

average annual rainfall of 41/2 inches within the first four

months of this year. Yesterday

roads and bridges were cut

and families were being evac-

uated from the western sub-urbs along the Hawkesbury

Worst hit is the outback

channel country of Queens-land, where 15 10wns are

under water in what inhab-itants describe as great inland

seas stretching over 500 miles

from Birdville in the west to

Alpha in the east. All 70

families in Alpha were evac-

uated yesterday when its river flooded at a record 40 ft. The

town of Jericho was also

evacuated after its river burst

Elsewhere people supported

by emergency services are working desperately to build earth and sandbag barriers to

hold back rising river levels threatening to flood more towns over the weekend. Food

supplies are low in many

Hundreds have sought ref-

uge in the region's highest town of Longreaca, which although cut off by road has become a base for air force

and civilian relief operations.

We've never seen anything like it," Mr Rolly Gooding.

proprietor of the packed Commercial Hotel said over

the telephone. "We're getting a bit low on food and grog

(alcohol). We were supposed

to get a three-tonne delivery of

grog yesterday. We'll be all out by Saturday."

on day trips to the town, some

setting stuck in a train over-

night. Mrs Sheila Smyth from

Glasgow, who now lives in

Longreach, said people were

in northern New South

Wales, where 100,000 square

kilometres of land is under

water, Mr lan Armstrong, the

state's Agriculture Minister,

appealed for the federal Gov-

ernment to send in army

starting to run out of money.

"There's water everywhere.

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# ference Minister spells out id still South Africa's South Africa's negotiating stance By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor Completed by the end of the they could accept. He great emphasis on devolution that Pretor

DR GERRIT Viljoen, South completed by the end of the they could accept. He put Africa's Minister of Constituyear, and would be followed great emphasis on devolution. tional Development, pre-dicted yesterday that Pretoria could reach agreement with black leaders on a new constitution within two years.

In an interview with The Times he gave a foretaste of the negotiating position Pre-toria will adopt in the talks. Dr Viljoen, who met Mrs. Thatcher yesterday, is regarded as the most influential member of President de

He will be part of Pretoria's team which will meet Mr Nelson Mandela and 11 other African National Congress leaders for preliminary talks on May 2. He said it would be mainly a "getting to know you" session, to be followed by lengthy "talks about talks" on pre-conditions the ANC has set for full-scale talks.

This stage, which will involve reaching an agreement on the release of political prisoners and on ending the state of emergency, could be

## Alarm in France over TB outbreak

From Philip Jacobson

TUBERCULOSIS, all but eradicated in France a decade ago, is returning here in the wake of the Aids virus. With at least 10.000 cases registered throughout the country, the spread of a disease that had become associated with Third World nations has stimulated urgent research at the Institut Pasieur to develop a more rapid method of diagnosing its

More than 8,000 people are suffering from Aids in France today, with another 300,000 believed to be HIV positive, making it one of the worst affected countries in Western Europe. The alarming increase in tuberculosis is directly linked to this, with some 60 per cent of Aids patients developing symptoms of what one researcher at the Pasteur describes as "disseminated tuberculosis" - more difficult to diagnose, and therefore to treat rapidly, than the classic

pulmonary version. According to French specralists, contamination by HIV produces a "snowball effect", precipitating latent forms of tuberculosis in patients, who have previously contacted the Koch bacillus (named after the French scientist who first isolated the cause of the disease just over a century ago). The comparative ease with which an infected individual can transmit the disease to other people. primarily through drops of saliva spreading through the air, helps account for the

speed of this new epidemic. Figures published in yesterday's France-Soir show that the Parisian region is the worst affected, with between 30 and 33 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. Twenty-five years earlier, the rate for the country had fallen to around 18 per 100,000 and there had been an uninterrupted fall in the number of people infected since

the first two years", he said. more on devolution than on The main talks will include its proposals for the central other black leaders, including government system. While

Pretoria's reforms, spoke to The Times inside the South African Embassy. Outside there was not a demonstrator in sight and barricades had been stacked on one side. After a day-and-night protest lasting four years, anti-apartheid groups ended their permanent presence about three weeks after President de Klerk's historic speech on February 2 announcing the

unbanning of the ANC. The interview followed two speeches this week by Mr de Klerk, who promised the repeal or amendment of the four remaining Acts which have been seen as pillars of apart-heid. He promised universal suffrage but again ruled our majority rule, and gave an assurance that minority

"groups" would be protected. Group rights have always been taken as a code phrase for constitutional guarantees for whites, and most have assumed that Pretoria has built its negotiating approach around it. But Dr Viljoen gave

an entirely different emphasis.

It would appear that Pretoria's priorities are local autonomy first; group rights second, while the latter elesecond, while the latter ele- In his speech Mr de Klerk ment is based far more on a said it would be amended but voluntary approach than has been reported up to now.

Dr Viljoen foresaw a federation in which regional governments would have a high degree of autonomy. The regions would replace both the existing homelands (apart from the four which are considered independent) and the white areas and would have control of their own judicial systems and police.

Although he did not make it with explicit, this would allow people to move to a region

year, and would be followed great emphasis on devolution by talks on a new constitution. It appears that Pretoria's "It would be my goal to strategy for protecting the achieve tangible results within white interests depends much Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, these remain secret, Dr Chief Minister of the Viljoen spoke in favourable KwaZulu homeland and lead- terms about an adapted verer of the Inkatha movement. sion of the "grand indaba"
Dr Viljoen, aged 63, former suggested for Natal.
Chairman of the Broederbond. It would give guarantees to

It would give guarantees to and one of the main authors of each of the main groups, ensuring that no one group could prove dominant. This has been seen as a way of preventing majority rule, but Dr Viljoen said groups would be defined by culture and language rather than race.

Membership of the groups would be by choice, not compulsion. A white might choose to join a group for those of Afrikaner and English background, but could equally choose not to belong.
"It is a model which with

certain adjustments could form the basis", he said. It would reconcile conflicting demands for majority rule and protection of minorities.

The ANC has always opposed any approach based on "groups" as a device for dividing the black vote. The Zulus, Xhosa, Tswana and others would be treated as separate entities, reducing their ability to dominate the political framework.

At present all South Africans are registered as mem-bers of one of the four main racial groups, under the Population Registration Act, the fundamental building block of apartheid.

made no promise to repeal it. However, Dr Viljoen went much further. There is no way it could survive a new constitution . . . It will have to go, it must go".

• JOHANNESBURG: Antiapartheid campaigners denounced the police shooting of four black youths on Thursday. But Mr Walter Sisulu, a leader of the ANC, said the episode would not stop talks ment. (Reuter)

## ruled by a local government Conor Cruise O'Brien, page 10 Hijacker denied haven in Japan

A CHINESE hijacker, who put Japan in a diplomatic tangle when he diverted a Chinese passenger aircraft to Japan last December and then sought political asylum, yesterday lost his five-month battle against extradition.

Amnesty International in Tokyo has warned the Japanese Government that Mr Zhang Zhenhai, who says he was active in last summer's pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square, faces almost certain execution on his

return home. The case has proved awkward for Japan, partly because Amnesty believes Japan is the first country since the crackdown in Tiananmen Square to accede to an extradition request from Peking, partly because Japan wanted to give Mr Zhang a fair hearing but also wanted to send a firm signal to hijackers, and partly because Japan is sensitive about its relations with China. Critics of the decision say Japan could have stood firm on hijacking and also calmed

fears of human rights groups by trying Mr Zhang in Japan. The Justice Ministry, which has 31 days to overturn yesterday's extradition ruling by the Tokyo High Court, admitted last night that Mr Zhang could have been tried for

hijacking in Tokyo. A spokesman said that it was the Cabinet which decided to accede to China's request for his return. .

Tokyo went along with Western nations in freezing official aid and high-level contacts last summer in protest against China's crackdown on dissent. But it has been keen to stay friendly with



## Law fails to ease cruel fate of Untouchables

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

misdeeds in a past life.

SALAIYA is no different from tens of thousands of other villages in India: it is stunningly cruel to the servile, hollow-cheeked Untouchables who are the Mahaima's Hariians (Children of God).

Harijans are instantly recognizable, especially in vil-lages. They are the filthiest, the thinnest, the most obsequious. They are the only ones dealing in death and excrement. A scrawoy man carrying manure on his head is a Harijan; so is the wretched woman pulling oozing black sludge from a rancid drain.

It is hard for Harijans, if not forbidden, to raise their eyes to a high-caste Hindu. Their very shadow will pollute any Brahmin, who must ritually purify himself of the violation. Imagine, then, the towering courage of a group of Harijan women in Salaiya who refused when a group of upper-caste men ordered them to strip naked and dance. It caused a riot. Caste members destroyed

people. Such atrocities are not rare: the only difference in Salaiya is that it was the first to come to light since the introduction of a new law, the Prevention of Atrocities Act.

31 Harijan houses, killed one

This legislation is the latest in a battery of weapons aimed at outlawing Untouchability.

which has doggedly survived festival of Holi, which was for centuries because it enjoys once a fertility rite and is now the ultimate justification of a raucous occasion for throwall, the perception of divine authority. To be an Untouching coloured water and powders over each other. able is to be punished for The affair will probably end

fruitless those efforts have

In rural areas, it said

allowed to pass through caste Hindu localities wearing san-

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Caste divisions are en-

couraged and exploited by a large number of politicians.

Castes have become a sort of

political lobby, offering them-

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forces, the Harijans of Salaiya

do not have a hope.

Against such entrenched

horses at their weddings.

there, sending a clear message The caste system is a bril-liantly conceived system of to Harijans that the new law is as empty as all the others. Not social control, perpetuated enthusiastically by Brahmins that rural Harijans are inclined to challenge their lot; it through the ages. is the cities that threaten the

It explains why the ceaseless system. A Brahmin, after all, might find himself rubbing swirl of strife and social upheaval in India rarely has anyshoulders with a Harijan on thing to do with the pursuit of common justice. Wealth rubs the same crowded bus. Ever since independence, shoulders with poverty, with-out the rich being embarrassed or the poor feeling resentful. Salaiya is in the sprawling successive governments have fought to eliminate caste discrimination. A report tabled in Parliament just before

central Indian state of Ma-dhya Pradesh, which is run by the right-wing Hindu Bharathe last Government left office, however, showed how tiya Janata Party. It is not an organization given to tol-erance of Harijans. It believes Untouchables (called "schedin the old order, free of the uled castes" in official jargon) creeping curse of individare not allowed to draw water ualism and breakdown of from the common well, are caste barriers in the towns. not served in tea-shops, not

Last month's attack on prompted demands in Parliament for an inquiry, which the government of Madhya Pradesh established under pressure from Delhi. Its report, just published, is a classic whitewash. It said a clash between upper-caste Hindus and Harijans happened in the

#### charged atmosphere of the Kashmir talks agreed

PAKISTAN wants peace with India and has agreed that their foreign ministers should meet in New York to ease tensions over the disputed Kashmir region, the Foreign Ministry said here on Thursday.

A spokesman said the meeting would probably be in the last week of April, adding: "Pakistan remains ready to hold this meeting ... to ensure that India and Pakistan

do not drift into a situation of unnecessary and avoidable confrontation."

In a slight easing of the tension between the two countries yesterday, Indian authorities in the two-thirds of the Kashmir valley which they control eased their curfew for five hours, in response to pressure, to allow Muslims to attend mosques on the last

#### livestock dead as vast areas of lost more sheep in the past 24 eastern Australia are engulfed hours than in the last eight months of drought. The resby the worst flooding seen in idents of Nyngan worked throughout the night filling So far one-third of the state of Queensland and large parts of northern New South Wales Bogan river which has flooded the countryside. The rising - an area as big as Britain are submerged by what are level of Sydney's main water source - the Warragamba now described as huge inland Dam - had to be released, seas. Last night people were flooding towns and suburbs fighting to save their towns, downstream yesterday. threatened by torrential rain. A natural disaster has been

 DHAKA: Tropical storms battered northern Bangladesh for the second consecutive severe drought just 24 hours day, killing 13 more people before record rainfall began to burst the region's network of reports said yesterday (AP

Winds with an average speed of 60 mph destroyed rice paddies and toppled mudwalled houses, trees and electricity poles on Thursday night, according to reports.

#### **Peasants** massacred in Peru

Huancayo. Peru - Suspected Maoist guerrillas have killed at least 74 Peruvian peasants and Indians of the Campas tribe in two massacres in the Amazon basin, police said. About 100 heavily armed attackers swept into the remote village of Nailam-Sonomoro, about 220 miles east of Lima, killing 50 members of a local peasant militia. police said.

In an attack six days earlier. suspected Shining Path guerrillas killed another 24 peasants and Campas Indians in a nearby village. The two massacres, among the bloodiest in Peru's 10-year-old guerrilla war, suggested a major offensive rebels. (Reuter)

#### Gabon bows to democracy

Libreville - President Bongo of Gabon has agreed after months of anti-government protests to end single-party rule and permit democracy in the West African country. He said that multi-party rule was not a miraele cure. Nevertheless he agreed to demands that parties be allowed to form immediately to contest legislative elections later this year, (Renter)

#### Actress declares love for Trump

the actress blamed for the break-up of Donald Trump's marriage, said she was in love with the billionaire developer but was neither a homewrecker nor a gold digger. Speaking publicly for the first time since February when she was named as the "other woman" by New York City's tabloid papers. Miss Maples, 26. said she "felt it was time that I took control of the belicopters to rescue livestock | situation". (Reuter)

## British ghosts haunt Syria's star-laden hotel

IT WAS very much business as usual in Baron's Hotel, the most historic watering hole for travellers in the Middle East and still under the same Armenian management as it was when Lawrence of Arabia was a regular guest in 1914.

In one corner of the woodpanelled bar, one of the two British diplomats permitted in Syria since relations were broken in 1986 was conversing in fluent Swedish, while nearby a pipe-smoking former MI6 officer was reminiscing about an eight-month journey he made on horseback between Istanbul and Jerusalem recently.

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"It is comfortably uncomfortable, it has all the atmosphere that other hotels lack. The last time I was here. I was following the route of the First Crusade and 1 tethered my horse outside," recalled the former MI6 man. Presiding over events, mon-

itored by a member of Syria's Mukhabarat intelligence service posing unconvincingly as a tourist, was Mr Crikor "Coco" Mazioumian, aged 82, the manager, whose father and uncle founded the grey-stone hostelry in 1909. Next door in the piano

room, a favourite haunt of European royalty in the 1930s, a bill made out to "Monsieur



sum of 16 napoleons had been

subtracted from the total for six days' pension for a bottle of Cordon Rouge provided but never consumed. "Lawrence would never

stronger than lemon juice" without taking my father's advice."....



non-drinker: Kim Philby and Lawrence of Arabia

Arabist's ascetic tastes: the favourite spot for shooting

drink alcohol, he had nothing explained Mr Mazioumian leafing through the guest book which has attracted the attention of would-be American collectors recently. "He used to spend hours pacing up and down the terrace. He was a short, stocky, intelligent man who always stood out from my other guests. He never bought

Middle East watering hole's champion drinker and

wild duck on the neighbouring swamp. Today it looks over the busiling main street of Syria's second city, but despite the invasion of the car, Baron's retains its faded elegance and period feel.

Lawrence, who was working on an archaeological dig during his various stays, wrote some 60 letters from what he described in one as "this beautiful hotel". He was followed by a colourful list of visitors which ranged from German and Turkish spies to Kim Philby, the British double agent who strove hard to drink dry the well-stocked bar.

"Philby would come here Laurens" on June 8, 1914. In the 1920s, the terrace with his American wife from bore witness to the famous with its ornate lanterns was a Beirut, where he was stationed archaeologist husband, who recalled.

impeccable. BBC-accented English. "I was only amazed that with all that drink inside him, he never let the cat out of The manager's English wife,

Sally, Aleppo's only British resident, also recalled that Philby, despite his drinking, effortlessly charmed and deceived hotel guests and staff alike. "I thought he had the kindest eyes I had ever seen until I saw them looking out at me from the back of his book. My Silent War, and I realized how wrong I had been," Mrs Mazloumian said. The jealously preserved vis-

itors' book reads like an

international Who's Who. Among the prominent guests, most of whom Mr Mazioumian recalled with uncanny clarity, were King Faisal I of Iraq; Kemal Ataturk of Turkey, Mr and Mrs Theodore Roosevelt; Princess Galitzine. Dame Freya Stark; David Rockefeller, Lady Mountbatten; Charles Lindbergh: Prince Peter of Greece; King Gustav of Sweden; Yuri Gagarin, the Soviet cosmonaut: Doris Duke, the American heiress; Gene Tunney. the boxer: General Auchinleck; the Duchess of Bedford; and Agatha Christie.

for the Observer. He would was conducting a dig. When start drinking about 10 am she was fed up with camp life and go on titerally all day," at the site, she would come added Mr Mazloumian in his and sit on her balcony, sip tea and lemon juice and write." Mr Mazloumian recalled. "When I asked her what she was writing, she would look at me like the Sphinx; but eventually she told me it was Murder on the Orient

Although Baron's has been home from home for many nationalities, it is the British ghosts that haunt its stone corridors most strongly, Since being nationalized by the Syrian Government, standards have sadly declined from the heady days when wild boar. pheasant and caviar were regularly on the menu. "I remember Agatha Chris-

tie as clearly as if it were yesterday", said Mr Maz-loumian. "She was extremely perceptive: she had a beautiful face and when she stared at you, you felt that her X-ray eyes could see right through you Like Lawrence, she was extremely intelligent." In its day Baron's has

served as German, British and French regional army headquarters, and in 1941 a littleknown figure called Charles de Gaulle gave a rousing speech from a balcony.

"The French officers suffered a terrific inferiority complex in relation to their British "She was here with her colleagues," the manager

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## **Billions** to be spent on

cleaning up polluted Med

By Our Foreign Staff

BILLIONS of pounds are to pressures of the countries in be set aside to rescue the Mediterranean, steadily becoming an ecological disaster

A two-year study by the World Bank and the European Investment Bank has found that around 650,000 tonnes of oil are spilt each year in the Mediterranean, more than 17 times the volume spewed by the Exxon Valdez in Prince William Sound, Alaska - the worst ecological disaster in the

Pollution and overfishing have reduced schools of fish in some areas of the Mediterranean by 80 per cent, says the report, officially presented yesterday in Rome, headquarters of the European Investment Bank.

A quarter of 150 Italian, French and Greek beaches analysed in 1988 were polluted to above the danger level. The report also describes how the great rivers that flow into the sea carry nutrients that cause abnormal growth of algae in the Adriatic and the Gulfs of Salonika and Izmir. It says coastal cities each day produce more than a million cubic yards of solid waste, some of which finds its way to the sea. Each year 550 tonnes of residue from chemicals used in agriculture flow into the Mediterranean.

While the countries of the north - Spain, Italy and France in particular - continue to be the principal posed by the demographic firefighting aircraft. (Reuter)

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to offer the same monotonous performance.

At first glance, they all seem to share the same

the south and east of the basin. The population is expected to double from 82 million to almost 170 million by 2025.

The banks propose helping the Mediterranean countries establish programmes to protect the environment and clean up pollution. The World Bank, the European Investment Bank, UN development agencies and the European Community will make avail-able financing for ecological

The two banks will earmark \$15 million (£9.1 million) annually for the next three vears to finance technical assistance on environmental issues to the Mediterranean nations, and about \$2 billion to \$3 billion a year after that to finance, in conjunction with individual governments, specific projects to safeguard the Mediterranean environment. The money would be in long-term, fixed-rate loans.

and the disappearance of agri-cultural land to urbanization have retarded the economic development of the southern and eastern Mediterranean. • ROME: The Italian Government has approved more than 400 billion lire (£198 million) in emergency funds to combat a drought which has hit Italy for the past two winters. A spokesman said yesterday that spending would start immediately to improve Italy's water supplies, particu-

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## seizure of 'fugitive' enrages Mexico

From Martin Fletcher Washington

LATE on the afternoon of April 3, a small private aircraft landed at El Paso airport, just north of the Mexican-US border. Out climbed three grimfaced men and a huge 22-stone 6ft Mexican dressed in casual clothes who sauntered over to a small reception group.

"I am Dr Humberto Alnounced with a smile, proferring his hand. "I know who you are,"

snapped Mr Hector Berrellez, a special agent of the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

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The three men accompany ing Dr Alvarez who identified themselves as police officers, announced "Here's your fu-gitive", returned to the plane and swiftly departed.

This story appeared in the US edition of Time magazine last weekend. Along with a similar account on NBC television news, it has sent US-Mexican relations into a downward spiral which culminated in Mexico threatening to end all collaboration on

fighting drugs.

What had so angered the Mexicans was the Time allega-

"You have the right to remain tion that the shadowy team which spirited Dr Alvarez out of the country had been offered a \$100,000 (£60,000) bounty by the DEA. "This would violate the most elementary norms of international law," declared President Salinas in a clear reference to the case during a

speech on Thursday.

The DEA has denied a bounty was offered, but refuses to discuss the clandescircumstances under which Dr Alvarez was captured and flown to America. Mr Richard Thornburgh, the US Attorney General, has or-dered a full report. What is un-

was high on the DEA's most wanted list. Known as "Dr Mengele", after the infamous Nazi physician, the gynaecologist, aged 42, from Guada-lajara, is alleged to have assisted in the 1985 torture and killing of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a DEA special

US authorities believe the killing was carried out by drug cartel leaders and senior police and military officers wanted to know how much Camarena knew about Mexican corruption. Specifi-cally, Dr Alvarez is alleged to have injected Camarena with a stimulant to prevent his heart from failing during his brutal interrogation.

He was one of 19 people indicted in their absence by a Los Angeles grand jury whose attempts to investigate Camarena's murder have been resisted by the Mexican Government. On arrival in the US he was flown straight to Los Angeles, where he pleaded not guilty and is being held with-

out bail pending a full trial. News of his capture provoked a torrent of protest by Mexican newspapers and poli-

Government asked the State Department for details of his capture. Mr Thornburgh, who had the misfortune to be attending a conference in Mexico this week, ordered an investigation. On Wednesday Mexico submitted what it called a "very strong dip-lomatic Note" to Washington demanding an explanation. On Thursday Señor Enrique Alvarez del Castillo, the Mexican Attorney General, declared that joint anti-drug efforts were "at risk" if the US

On Tuesday the Mexican

Yanqui tactics.

was behind the capture. With the Bush Administration waging an all-out war on drugs. Mexico's co-operation is highly valued in Washington, but this is the second time this year that it has been jeopardized.

In January, NBC television infuriated the Mexican Government by broadcasting a documentary on the Camarena case which alleged widespread corruption in the Mexican police. Mexico took the remarkable step of responding with an advertising campaign on US television.

#### **US** moves to protect terrorist informers

Athens - The US has opened a post-office box to guarantee secrecy for people responding to a \$2 million (£1.2 million) reward for information on international terrorism, the

US Embassy said.
The State Department announced in December that the US Government was empowered to offer the reward for information leading to the prevention of terrorist acts against American citizens and property outside the US, the Embassy said. (.1P)

#### Female first

Bridgetowa - Dame Nita Barrow, Barbados's permanent representative to the UN, has been named Governor General-designate, becoming the first woman to hold this office. (AP)

#### Blast death

Cairo - Attackers threw explosives at a Coptic Orthodox church in southern Egypt, killing a police guard but causing no damage to the church, authorities said. (AP)

#### Flight delays

Paris - Airlines cancelled or delayed about 1,000 departures and arrivals at airports in the Paris region yesterday due to a one-day walkout by air traffic controllers. (.4P)

#### Contras plea

New York - Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar has asked the Security Council for urgent approval for UN forces to versee the demobilization of the Contras in Nicaragua.

#### Journalist dies

Sydney — Brian Hogben, aged 64, a senior executive of News Limited and one of Australia's most respected journalists. died on Thursday night after a long illness, the company said.

#### Suspects hunted

Jerusalem - Nazi-hunters will turn over to the US. West Germany and Australia the names of 223 Lithuanian and Polish war crime suspects who fled abroad after the Second

## Lebanon hostage 'will be

From Juan Carlos Gumucio

freed

SYRIA, through its newest friends in Lebanon, yesterday provided further assurances that one of the three American teachers held hostage by Muslim extremists would be re-leased despite Washington's refusal to comply to a key demand.

Mr Hussein Musawi, the leader of the Baalbek-based Shia Muslim Islamic Amal faction — now the "Syrian wing" of the fundamentalist movement in Lebanon - told reporters that the release of one captive was "certain" but declined to say when.

His words countered

speculation here that Presi-dent Bush's refusal to send a senior diplomat to Damascus to complete release details had irreparably damaged the plan. The captors offer is serious. The offer will not be cancelled and is still standing but the Americans are sup-

posed to make a positive step. The Americans should not be arrogant and waste this chance," Mr Musawi said. The Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, the pro-Iranian group holding Mr Robert Polhill, Mr Alann Steen and Mr Jesse Turner since January, 1987, said it had postponed the release

because of President Bush's

refusal to send Mr John Kelly,

the US chief Middle East expert, to Damascus. Describing this attitude as "arrogant, cowboy behav-iour", Mr Musawi went on: "The Americans are playing heroes. The Americans should go to Damascus and kneel down to collect the gift presented by the (kidnapping)

Mr Musawi's forecast about an early release is to be taken seriously. The 43-year-old former teacher who turned into one of the most ardent followers of Iran's Islamic revolution still has good com-munications with Muslim groups holding most of the 17 Westerners kidnapped in Lebanon since 1985. However, his relations with Tehran have been strained because or his spectacular shift towards Damascus in the past year.

Once a staunch ally of Iran Mr Musawi is now regarded as Syria's most valuable asset among Lebanon's funda-mentalists and his words invariably reflect Syrian

## **Cubans defy US** drive to unseat Castro

From Charles Bremner, New York

SEVERAL thousand Cubans lining Havana's seafront shot arrows and catapults and fired inti-aircraft guns towards the United States on Thursday to mark their 1961 "Bay of Pigs" victory over a US-backed invasion attempt.

Billed as an act of defiance against the US, which stands a mere 90 miles away, the event commemorated the victory of President Castro's revolutionary government against a US-trained and financed invasion force of Cuban exiles.

Cubans at the ceremony debated whether the US would again launch such an attempt. From the US side of the waters there seems to be little need; the downfall of Dr Castro is viewed as so imminent that exiles have already divided up the Havana franchises for McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

In Washington, the Bush Administration is tightening the diplomatic screws and is seeking to ease Dr Castro into the history books by bombard-ing the island with Americanproduced television.

Over the past week, Wash-ington's Cuba watchers have been gleeful over the arrival in Havana of Mr Leonid Abal-kin, the economist behind some of President Gorbachov's most radical reforms. His mission, it is assumed, was to tell the leader that his three-decade free ride was at an end.

Mr Abalkin did explain the new reality" to Dr Castro, Soviet diplomats said, but he also made clear there was no question of Moscow leaving its old ally stranded. This was just one of several indications that the US celebrations are

premature. Discontent is indeed building among Cuba's 10 million people, driven by the deepening crisis that has brought meat rations to 3lb a month and turned even Eastbloc consumer goods into blackmarket items.

A good barometer of the level of discontent will come later this year when the Pope visits the island.

Seasoned Cuba believe Dr Castro is managi to turn to his advantage the very isolation that he has created with his drive for oldfashioned police-state orthodoxy. Still able to draw on the receives of loyalty he earned as a revolutionary leader, he is rallying the country, under the banner "Death before slavery", to prepare it for the far deeper sacrifices to "defy the Yankee imperialists".

He can count on support because, unlike his former East European colleagues, his revolution was home-grown and the bullying big power throughout Cuba's history has been the US, not Russia.

According to Señor Gabriel Garcia Marquez, probably the non-communist most privy to Dr Castro's thoughts, the Cuban leader is far from finished. "I think that Cuba needs

profound reforms such as a greater democratization of society," the Colombian novelist said in a rare interview last week. "The problem lies in how we get to that. It is a mistake to think that if these reforms are not carried out there will be a popular upris-ing like in Romania," he told the Miami Herald.

"As long as Fidel can manage the economy, he can stay in power indefinitely."

#### Venezuela ends fishery dispute

Port of Spain - Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela have signed a memorandum of understanding to try to reduce trouble in the Gulf of Paria between local fishermen and the Venezuelan National

Mr Arthur Robinson, the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, announced the agreement after a three-day state visit to Venezuela. He said a joint commission would be set up to investigate incidents. (AFP)

## Cholera zone

Kuala Lumpur — The Malaysian Government has declared Kelantan state, bordering Thailand, a cholera epidemic zone after confirming 309 cases of the disease, health officials said. (AFP)

#### Mengistu home

Addis Ababa - President Mengistu of Ethiopia has returned here from Harare where he attended Zimbabwe's 10th independence anniversary celebrations. (AFP)



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informer "IT IS God who has won in Eastern Europe," the Pope recently told pilgrims, depicting the downfall of communic rule as a surrender to the spirit.

This weekend the Pope flies to Czechoslovakia, on his first East European pilgramage to a country other than his Polish homeland, to claim the spoils of this victory. Thousands of Catholics in Central Europe are already on the move, sleeping under hedgerows and waiting for the Polish Pope.

But how complete is the victory of the Church? One can see that in Esztergom, at the heart of Hungarian Christendom

Esztergom, on the banks of the grey Danube, was the seat of King Stephen who completed the conversion of Hungary to Christianity and was made a

Inside the neo-Classical cathedral there is the usual masonry in his honour — and a space reserved for the remains of Cardinal Mindszenty, that potent symbol of Church resistance to communi Ourside, the square once named after the Heroes of 1919 - the Communists of lela. Kun - has been renamed Mindszenty Square.

The Church has won back its rights.

church, prisoners can celebrate Mass. The state no longer interferes in the hishops, the bishops appoint the priests.

Everywhere there is a re-ordering within the Church. Stooge organizations: designed to spin the Church - like Pacene in Terris in Czechoslovakis - are withering away, and in all those Church hierarchies which accommodated too casily to the communist regimes (such as the Romanian Orthodox Church) purges are under way.

in Hungary, only one suspect bishop (the Bishop of Gyor) stays in place. He was known as the Operetta Priest because of his frequent appearances at official benquers. "But soon," a priest explains in the grounds of the Esstergoni Theological College, the whole idea of regime priests will be meaninglest without a tyrannical or atheistic regime. the old categories of moral collaboration will have disappeared. Priests are simply

returning to their priestly work." The Hungarian Church, as in Poland, wants to withdraw entirely from politics. Even the Protestant hierarchy in Hungary felt uncomforable about Father Gabor Roszik, wan stood for the Democratic Forum in his constituency cum-purish. Both the Protestant and the Catholic Churches were deeply involved Europe. It was a demonstration in support of the Hungarian postor, the Rev-Laszlo Tokes, in Timisoara that sparked off the Romanian Christmas revolution.

The Protestant Church of East Germany, which sheltered the opposition there for years, has a cadre of political priests, one of whom, the Rev Reiner Eppelman, has become the leader of the nocrant Awakening. It was unquestionably the three papel trips to Poland (the first in 1979) that gave Catholic priests civic courage and connected them with worker opposition in Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Baltic

One incident from last year's Czecho-alovak revolution stays firmly rooted in memory: in Litomerice in Bohemia, theology students asked permission to stage a demonstration. The communist authorities refused, but (in the mode of Schweik) said they would not use force.

The communists removed the loudspeakers from the square, the students promptly supplied their own from church stocks and set up the electronics in a shop. The police tried to raid the shop but the trainee priests formed a human cordon and the demonstration went ahead as planned.

Yet the Church is still a long way from its trumpeted victory in the East. At the

strategists around Cardinal Agostino Casaroli are having to feint their punches. The Church's mission in Eastern Europe for the past four decades has been to liberate the captive nations through faith, through the practice of religion, under or above ground. Now, the liberation of Catholic Lithuania could topple President Gorbachov - on whose survival much of the Vatican's

Ostpolitik depends. Where does the Church stand on reform socialism? At the parish level, the message is coming through in a rather blurred way For the young, there is no room for big-power politics in the crusade against communism

The steepest gradient faced by the Church, though, is the secularization of Eastern Europe. The new freedoms allow the Church more room for evangelization. Every Saturday Polish television shows a charming guitar-strumming priest running playschool; Masses from St. Peter's are shown regularly; and Polish churches cater for every politically repressed group.

When Mr John Gummer, Britain's Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, arrived recently to discuss aid for sh agriculture he turned naturally to the Catholic Church for advice: the priests rule firmly in the villages But 40 years of socialist education cannot be casily crased. It is accepted as an automatic right by young women in Eastern Europe to terminate their pregnancies, to divorce quickly with only rontine questions about the disposal of children and property. Abortion and divorce rates are extremely high.

In East Germany where there are about 80,000 abortions a year (as many as in the far larger female population of West Germany) there is concern that reunification will bring tougher rules. In Poland, homosexuals have just been given the right to their own associations and magazines. Strict censorship has been neutralized or abolished by the democratic revolution, but one side effect of that is a boom in pornography

There is thus a risk that the opening to the West will flood the East not only with the vulgarities of the market place but also with a materialist and alien culture. A Solidarity deputy, on the Christiannationalist wing, recently berated the West for including contraceptives in their aid shipments to Poland.

The Catholic Church, equipped for combat, does not know how to cope with these new freedoms. Now that East European governments are admitting to Aids victims, the churches have to work out a position; too often priests in Poland, Slovakia and Hungary are prostutution and homosexuals.

That jars with most urban dwellers who give generously to the Aids victims who can now be seen begging on the streets of Warsaw. The Church, quite simply, is looking out of touch.

"It is difficult to condemn materialist values in a shortage economy," explained a Hungarian theologian in Esztergom. "But we have to find a way." When the Church was at war with communism, a high premium was put on Church unity and internal discipline. Nowadays it is common to hear clergy enucize their hierarchy.

When the Polish Primate, Cardinal Josef Glemp, made insensitive remarks about Jews there was an audible gasp from younger priests who sympathize with Sohdarity. The instruction to avoid politics are difficult for them to bear.

There are the urban priests, children of the Second Vatican Council, who want both to modernize and christianize Eastern Europe; that is pushing them into sympathy with new radical

On the other hand, there are the tough not always elderly, priests in the countryside who see in the conquest of the Red Dragon a diminution of their power. These clerics are important supporters of the agraman right.

## Religious classes are flourishing con-Gorbachov slows pace of economic reform plan

PRESIDENT Gorbachov may the second meeting, rele market economy which were outlined by Mr Leonid Abalkin, Deputy Prime Min-ister, a fortnight ago.

An official account of two recent meetings held to discass the plans - which include establishing a stock exchange, a thorough overhaul of the pricing system and almost complete freedom for private enterprise - quoted Mr Gorbachov as recommending that the programme be inand stage by stage.

1.49% The economic proposals, which have been published - 20 ---only in summary form, were discussed at two joint meet-ings of Mr Gorbachov's new advisory groups - his hand-picked Presidential Council and the Council of the Federation, comprising leaders of all the republica.

Unofficial reports of the first meeting said that there had been heated exchanges of astro the "rapid reformers" and their opponents seemed in-reconcilable. Now a report on

## **US** trade talks to go ahead

The United States and Soviet Union will go shead with a new round of trade talks here next week despite threats from 1000 Washington of retaliation after Moscow cut Lithuania's

oil supplies. US and Soviet diplomats said yesterday. The superpowers are trying to reach a trade accord that is needed before the Americans can grant the Soviet Union most-favoured nation (MFN) trade status. The Kremlin is hoping that Washington will go ahead and grant MFN status at the summit on May 30-June 3 in the United States.

The status would greatly reduce US duties on Soviet imports, and could open the door to American credits. moves that co. Id boost twoway trade vilued at \$4.9 billion (£3 billion) last year. US officials said this week that a trade a cord could be wrapped up at the fourth

round of talk, set for next Tuesday to Thursday in Paris. A Soviet Embassy diplomat said that Moscow's delegation was will scheduled to arrive next week. (Ret ter)

have been persuaded by his by the President's press office advisers to slow down his and published in Soviet newsplans for an all-out dash to a papers 'yesterday, says that market economy which were agreement has been reached and suggests that the pace of reform will be slowed. Mr. Gorbechov was quoted

as saying in his summing up. "We should not display dilatoriness or hesitation. But it is equally certain that we have to pass through a series of stages on our way to a regulated market economy and we must first formulate a reliable mism for protecting the population, especially its less well-off sections.

"In planning to accelerate economic reform, we should take into account the real situation in our society. The reform programme can only hope to succeed if it has the support of millions of Soviet people and reflects their

For decades Soviet people had been led to believe that their fortimes depended on the leadership who, he said, were blamed for everything — from the housing shortage to the shop. They had also absorbed attitudes of "levelling down", not showing initiative and state and the gravi-

If this were to change, the mechanism by which reform was introduced had to be carefully thought out, as a whole and in its individual elements. The views of economics scholars, of managers, local administrators

and workers had to be sought and taken into account first. Such words are a far cry from Mr Gorbachov's earlier insistence that strong medicine would be needed ingently if the economy were to have any hope of recovery, and indicate that he may have heeded criticism from those who objected during the recent Congress of People's Deputies that five years of perestroika had achieved no-

thing, largely because the ground had been poorly pre-pared and the objectives insufficiently well thought out. Earlier in the year, many members of the Soviet Union's economic reform lobby pointed to Polish eco-nomic reform, which resulted

n a flourishing market and a

drastic reduction in inflation. It seems that Mr Gorbachov may now have come round to the view, propounded by some reformers, that public opinion is not prepared for the sacrifices that Polish-style "sbock treatment" would involve and that serious social destabilization could follow any sudden introduction of market principles.



Sign of the times: Democracy has been a boom to the graffiti artists of Croatia, who with four deft strokes of the spray can have added their own political comment to these election posters in Zagreb of Mr. Franjo Trudjman, the leader of the right-wing Croatian Democratic Union. Yesterday the

Berlin

deputies

approve

swift unity

From Anne McElvoy

East Berlin

THE East German parliament

authorities appealed for calm and restraint during Sanday's first free elections in more than half a century in Yogoslavia's accord integest repub-lic (Dessa Trevissa writes from Zagreb). They also dismissed fears

used by some army generals that military would interfere if the

weeks ago the Army indulged in what many saw as a little sabre-rattling by ng a statement emphasizing that the Army would not permit anyone to drive a wedge between the Yogoslav "nations" or change frontiers and

ruling communists were to lose. Two tem. Though a military takeover is regarded as unlikely the electoral commission in Croatia clearly had such fears in mind yesterday when it

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arged the electorate to choose without fear of the consequences. Meanwhile,

# an amnesty has been announced for 108 Yugoslav political prisoners.

with West Germany. The

second stage will gradually phase in EC rules. The third

will see the full application of

EC law throughout a unified

The paper sees five main

problems, which ministers

will look at today. The first is

external: the new Germany

will have to assume treats

obligations of East Germany,

including trade links which

currently commit 40 per cent

of East German exports to the

The other issues are in-

ternal; how should East Ger-

many be integrated into the

internal market and introduce

VAT; how should it respect

competition policy, how

should the common agri-

cultural policy be applied in a

country where huge state

farms make up 95 per cent of

the formland; and how much

should East Germany benefit

from EC regional aid.

Germany.

Soviet Union.

## Germany and EC union dominate foreign ministers' Dublin agenda

THE Lithuanian crisis and the the Franco-German call for swifter European political union will dominate a meeting in Dublin today of EC foreign

yesterday approved plans by Herr Lothar de Maizière, the It was originally called to prepare for next week's sum-Prime Minister, for swift Germit on German unity and examine ways of binding the man unity and a speedy conversion to a free market. emergent democracies in East But the communist Party of Europe more closely to the

Democratic Socialism, the argest opposition group in the Despite strong support for Volkskammer, said it would Lithuania's aspirations among the Twelve, the foreign minoppose what it termed an annexation" of East Ger isters are likely to be cautious many on to the Federal in their assessment of the Republic under the use of crisis and will urge both sides Article 23-of the West German to negotiate. They are unlikely Basic Law, the route favoured to offer any practical help to by both German governments the Lithuanians to overcome Moscow's energy blockade.

The communists also said A more contentious issue among the Twelve is the call that they would oppose Nato membership of a unified Gerby Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, and many Later the party's deputies walked out of the President Mitterrand of essembly in protest after a France for immediate preparight-wing MP compared the rations for an inter-governcountry's 40-year history with the Third Reich. mental conference on political

Herr Joschim Nowack, of the arch-conservative German Social Union, said that the party had failed to learn from its mistakes and that a single apology was not enough. "In that case a triple excuse from Goebbeis would have sufficed to forget everything that hap-

to unity.

pened in the Nazi eta." The remarks proved sensitve after this week's moves in Czechoslovakia to outlaw the communist party there led the East German communists to fear a similar campaign.

meeting in a demonstration that the Franco-German axis remains as strong as ever and is still the driving force for greater EC integration. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will find little sympathy for any suggestion that the EC should pause to take stock first of German unity and the changes in East

Europe. Today's meeting comes a week before the summit on German unity, which itself is rapidly assuming broader dimensions, and will concentrate as much on the future shape of the Community as on the way of integrating East

Germany into the EC. The foreign ministers will



Genscher, will present their by the European Commission: ideas at the informal Dublin one on the Community's relations with East Europe, and the other on the timetableof German reunification and its effects on the EC. Last week the Commission approved a document on relations with East Europe, which

> proposed much closer association agreements, more money, a range of political ties and Western assistance to belo the economic changes. In return it demanded of the former Soviet bloc countries irreversible commitment to a market economy, democratic pluralism and political

> However, Brussels has insisted that it is not promising future membership of the EC. although not ruling this out Poland, Hungary and Czecho-slovalca have all declared that EC membership is their altimate aim.

> However. German reunification is a more press ing issue. The Commission paper foresees full East German integration by 1993, and says this presents a "major challenge" for both the EC and German authorities but also considerable opportunities for new investment, growth and contracts which could boost total growth in the EC by up to 0.5 per cent.

In the proposed three-phase scenario, the paper sees East Germany introducing legislation to fit into the Community even before formal unification

## Walesa threatens congress walkout

From Roger Boyes Gdansk

AN ANGRY Mr Lech Walesa yesterday hit back at his critics in Solidarity and threatened to walk out of the union's second congress unless some of his most virulent enemies were excluded from the hall.

His outburst came a day before the union's leadership election and hinted at the bitter infighting accompanying its attempts to redefine its role in the post-communist era.

The central issue of Solidar ity's future and its relationship to the Government in which it has the dominant role has thus been clouded by discussion over the personality of Mr

petulant Mr Walesa told the 487 delegates, referring to his critics, "I am leaving this congress. There is no way that I will sit down with these people.

In particular, he had in his sights Mr Andrzej Gwiazda and Mr Marian Jurczyk, two radical Solidarity leaders from 1980 who formed their own breakaway groups to protest over what they regard as Mr Walesa's autocratic style of

The mood of the congress has seesawed for and against Mr Walesa since it opened On Thursday evening Mr Jan Rulewski, an old rival of his. proposed that all formally elected members of the Solidarity leadership be allowed to attend as guests. This seemingly innocent gesture was supposed to remind Mr Walesa that the congress did not represent the whole

movement. The motion was defeated. but almost a quarter of the delegates voted for it - and that number more than doubled overnight when Mr Alojzy Pietrzyk, a Silesian activist and potential challenger to Mr Walesa in today's leadership election. resurrected the motion and won

 Lithuania call: The congress yesterday approved a motion appealing to all signatories of the Helsinki Security and Cooperation Treaty to recognize the independence of Lithuania. "Europe should be a Europe of free nations." the motion said.

## Hungarian anger as Springer swallows newspapers



A Nenes Deutschland cartoon reprinted in Hungary

HUNGARY'S main political parties, public bodies, leading journalists and the Newspaper. Publishers' Association have rounded on the West German Axel Springer media concern, accusing it of acquiring a large slice of the Hungarian press in an "unseemly and highly questionable coup".

They questioned the legality of the way in which Axel Springer Budapest Ltd, the Hungarian subsidiary of the West German media concern, bought a string of provincial dailies earlier this mouth. And they hinted that as soon as the new centre-right government was in office, these "grabs". would be challenged in court. in an apparently well-co-

The British Government's

dismissive reaction is a signal that once again it could find itself alone in trying to slow

down the pace of European integration, while the other 11

countries are likely to wel-

come it, as well as the call for

intensified preparations for

economic and monetary

M Roland Dumas, the

French Foreign Minister, and his West German opposite

number, Herr Hans-Dietrich

the owner-publisher, the Hungarian Socialist Party, which is the communists' legal successor, and formed limited liability companies at the beginning of this month. A day later the papers - using the same masthead with

the addition of the word "New" under the same editors-in-chief, the same editorial facilities and printing presses - reappeared on the streets. The only notable change was the insertion: Responsible publisher - the managing editor of the Axel Springer Budapest Limited Company."

The toothless Hungarian Socialist Party, unable to dofend from Springer the darlies houses should be bought up in ordinated action, the editorial

staff of formerly communist and journals it inherited from a risible fashion for symbolic party-controlled dailies the communists, has protested handed in their resignations to against what it described as "this illegal snatching".

The Hungarian arm of Springer is reported to be negotiating with the editorial staff of another five formerly communist-controlled dailies and several weeklies. The Hungarian Socialist

Party has inherited 19 provincial dailies and the fate of the remaining triles will depend on the legal moves in court. Mr Sandor Orban, the secretary-general of the Hungarian Newspaper Publishers' Association, said: "Our association is for the privatization (of the press) but against the frittering away of

assets. We do not accept that newspapers and publishing

Mr Jozsef Bayer, the manag-

ing director of Axel Springer Budapest, and Herr Eckhart Bollmann, of the West German perent company, said at a press conference in Budapest that the company "had done nothing but establish a number of new newspapers" in the provinces.

The influential political weekly Magyarorscag said: "The sharks of the international media have been circling for some time our national waters and they swallow up from time to time smaller and bigger fishes Some are swallowed whole. others only in part. And the that they have struck a bad bartain.



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**Clifford Longley** 

sk a typical Anglican churchman about disestabtishment of the Church of England and he will be quick on the draw with a well-rehearsed knock-down argument: "People want things the way they are."

While few people in Britain now go to church, the majority seem to think religion is still quite a good thing, and that to have a church upheld and protected by law is to make a constitutional statement in favour of religion on behalf of society and the state.

Disestablishment is therefore conceived as anti-religious. There is also a general state of neurotic national guilt about the neglect, or rejection, of religion; maintaining an established church helps to

soften the sting.
It indicates that somewhere in us still lurks a respect for higher things, even if we want no part in them ourselves, particularly on Sundays. It is nevertheless comforting to pass a church and to feel in some remote way that its air of obscure goodness rubs off on us and that it exists because we condescend to let it do so.

A different argument is often heard from the unestablished religions. The Free churches such as the Methodists and Baptists, the Roman Catholics and non-Christian communities such as the Jews all long ago accepted the establishment of the Church of England with varying degrees of enthusiasm or acquiescence.

This sentiment springs from a deep neurosis of insecurity. At various times, the Free churches, the Catholics and the Jews have all experienced some hostility. The Free churches have suffered explicit exclusion and humiliation, manifested sometimes as rampant religious snobbery, at other times as a thousand tiny pin-pricks of condescension, rejection and discrimination.

Catholicism was persecuted al-most out of sight until Irish reinforcements arrived in the last century and deep in the psyche of the average middle-ranking Catholic churchman is still the shadow of a fear that the Gordon Riots might start again tomorrow if he does not watch his step. Most British Jews have also experienced their share of persecution, though not mostly at British hands. But subconscious fears have no great respect for nationality, and anti-Semitism is not unknown in Britain either.

All three groups display symp-toms of an unhealthy and sycophantic gratitude to Anglican England. It is the gratitude of the victim to the bully after he stops his bullying. A condition of being excused further bullying is to have to deny that it ever happened. In the case of religion, the formula to be consented to is that England has always been a remarkably tolerant society, unlike those foreign blighters everywhere else.

Have not the English even stopped burning effigies of the

Pope on November 5 - almost? None of this is the present Church of England's fault, for the modern Anglican churchman is full of ecumenical love without even a trace of that "effortless Anglican superiority" which marked his predecessors. To be approved of ecumenically by him and his official state church is to be allowed to bask in legitimacy.

The non-established religions would be much more honest, and much more psychologically healthy, if they had the courage to admit openly that the establish-ment of the Church of England offends them deeply, and is quite incompatible with the basic principles of parliamentary democracy. It would be as healthy for the Church of England to have to face the accusation of past bullying; then ecumenism would begin to mean something real. The Church of England would begin to see which of its present attitudes are still insufferable, and which part of its present identity is still being maintained at the expense of other

people's rights and pride.

The real governing body of the Church of England is not the General Synod but the Crown in Parliament. Parliament is supposed to represent all the people. of every persuasion and none. The Queen is head of state of Anglicans and non-Anglicans alike. Non-Anglicans actually make up the majority of the citizens of the United Kingdom. Though few of them recognize the fact, they are still not full citizens, for the Crown and Parliament have functions, relating to the Church of England, which do not and cannot concern them. These areas are marked: "Keep off, Anglicans only."

It would be possible for all these non-Anglicans to assert their democratic constitutional rights by seizing the reins in Parliament, to insist that it was their Parliament too and was no longer going to be used by one group to give special status to its own sectarian purposes. But that would be to cross an emotional and intellectual picket line, to say things which, for various unhealthy reasons, cannot be said, no matter how true and obvious they may be. At the back of their minds is the secret fear that the exclusion

and bullying could start again. By this feature of the constitution, non-Anglicans are, in effect, rendered foreigners in their own country, implicitly told they do not quite fully belong. When they were timidly grateful to be allowed to belong at all, they were not going to put their precarious safety in jeopardy by complaining. But it is coming to the point when they must claim back their full citizenship; and it will not be right or good for the Church of England to stand in their way.

## After the passport vote, Norman Tebbit sees a need to explain the inexplicable

## The task now is convincing Peking

any lessons can be learnt from the events which culminated in the Government's victory with a majority of almost 100 votes at the end of the debate on the Hong Kong passport Bill on Thursday.

The debate enjoyed that extra edge which comes only when party lines are blurred and the outcome of the vote is thought to be in some doubt. But Labour's home affairs spokesman, Roy Hattersley, gave an extremely poor performance - not only devious but entirely without indicating the policy which a Labour govern-ment would follow beyond granting Hong Kong a democracy without meaning in a Chinese province. Gerald Kaufman's speech, while equally devoid of content, was skilfully delivered but was too late to restore Labour's front-bench credibility. As a result, 59 Labour MPs defied their three-line whip, one voting with the Government, the rest lost

in futile abstention or absence. In contrast, the Home Sec-retary, David Waddington, showed a mastery of the intricate

immigration laws and was impressive in his advocacy of the Bill. leaving the Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, to deal elegantly and persuasively with the difficult issues of Anglo-Chinese relations in the approach to 1997.

So the largest Conservative rebellion in the present Parliament (44 MPs voting against the Government and 43 others absent or abstaining) was no real threat to the Bill. The Opposition proved unable to take advantage of an open invitation to inflict what would have been the Gov-ernment's biggest defeat since 1979. Even without the most effective work of the Government whips and lavish hospitality from the Hong Kong Government, the Government would probably have been saved by Labour's

bungling.
The odds are that future hurdles will be surmounted and the Bill will be enacted in more or less its present form, although the maverick majority in the House of Lords may pose Mr Waddington some unwelcome problems.

The worst of the Government's

future difficulties will not be in Parliament but in Hong Kong and Peking. Much of the Conservative opposition to the Bill was centred on doubts over its impact on the Chinese government and its effectiveness in stemming the drain of key personnel from the

So it was encouraging that Douglas Hurd vigorously defended the policy of realism in relations with China. Throughout the loss resolutions which lad to the long negotiations which led to the Anglo-Chinese Joint Declaration. Peking held almost all the master cards. The British negotiators had little with which to bargain other than the value to China of a prosperous and successful Hong Kong and the damage to China's economy and humiliation of its leaders that would come from an economic collapse after 1997.

Moreover, if a collapse is precipitated before 1997, by what to Chinese eyes may appear to be a deliberate undermining of the colony by British actions, the future of Hong Kong will be bleak indeed. It would be seen not as a

breach of raith. Few people in Britain understand that our concept of the freedom to move from place to place without government permission is extraordinary, indeed so inexplicable that most Chinese politicians and officials believe there is some hidden catch in it. They find it difficult to believe that our Government does not have the power simply to require Hong Kong citizens to stay

Certainly it must seem even more odd to the Chinese than to the House of Commons that the British government has decided to give away the travel documents. we call passports to discourage the recipients from leaving the colony. Equally the efforts of the Foreign Office to persuade our European Community partners to offer the right of abode to Hong Kong Chinese must seem bizarre 10 Peking, especially in the absence of an offer of sanctuary to those of. Indian descent who are the least likely to be welcomed in Hong Kong under Chinese rule. Mr Hurd rightly suggested it

was time to put the tragic events of Tianenmen Square not out of mind, but behind us in dealing with China. The Government's first task must now be to re-establish confidence in Peking that we genuinely wish to help secure the prosperity of Hong Kong and not asset-strip it of its best people before 1997. The potential problems of immigration will be minimized if that can be religiously describe the characters. be achieved despite the clumsiness of the Hong Kong Bill.

To integrationists like myself those problems relate overwhelmingly to the numbers and the willingness of the newcomers to accept the laws, standards and castoms of the host society. The Chinese are not notably good integrationists where they constitute large communities, but in L. many ways they share similar values and ambitions to ourselves. If the Bill becomes law and if, as

fear, it leads to a new wave of immigration as much as 15 or 16 times that of the Ugandan Asians. its supporters and opponents will have much work to do to avoid my fears proving well-founded.

## Help de Klerk defeat the hard men—on both sides

Conor Cruise O'Brien sees an easing

of sanctions as essential if South

Africa is to achieve peaceful change

opes of a relatively peaceful transition to a non-racial democracy in South Africa faded sig-nificantly this week. President de Klerk's ruling out of black majority rule is regrettable, but hardly surprising. In terms of Afrikaner values, he has made huge con-cessions by unconditionally releasing Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners and, above all, by lifting the ban on the African National Congress. By these bold moves, de Klerk hoped that Mandela would ex-ercise a moderating influence over

the ANC. This hope has been dashed. Mandela has proclaimed the continuation of the ANC's "war" against Pretoria and, of even greater significance, has used his great prestige to call for the maintenance of international sanctions, in their full rigour. For de Klerk and his political friends, the rock concert at Wembley Stadium on Monday must have been the last straw.

The only thing de Klerk has got by his bold moves - at least, the only one perceptible to white relaxation of British sanctions. In the circumstances, Mandela's visit to London without meeting her was not merely a saub to Mrs Thatcher, who has other things to worry about; it was also a snub to F.W. de Kierk, to whom such a snub is politically damaging. It makes him look a bit of a fool -You let that man out, and see how he treats you!"

In substance, de Klerk's "no" to black-majority rule is not new. Although his style is vastly different from that of his predecessor, P.W. Botha, and his tactics are much bolder, de Klerk's political strategy for the future of South Africa has not yet been shown to be altogether incompatible with that of Botha, under whom de Klerk served so long.

Botha, too, used to talk —

though grudgingly and ambiguously - about "ending apartheid". but he always qualified that by stressing the need for "minority rights". In Botha-speak, that became a euphemism for what

used to be called apartheid. De Klerk may, or may not, move well away from that, under the pressure of events, but he has not yet moved away from it definitively. On that basic issue, Botha would not dissent from the remarks by de Klerk's Cabinet colleague and principal adviser, Gerrit Viljoen — the guru of Afrikaner verligtes — in the interview (page 7) with The Times Diplomatic Correspondent. National Party leaders have changed their tactics, quite dramatically, but their political strategy is more continuous than their friends in the outside world and their domestic enemies as-

If the strategy does change - to the acceptance of majority rule without major qualification — it will most likely be the result of political desperation. De Klerk has made their bold moves and got nothing in return (except from Mrs Thatcher). The violence continues; so (with the same excep-tion) do the sanctions. The ANC, with Mandela released, appears just as hardline as it was without him; and of course much more visibility.

In these bleak circumstances, de Klerk and his friends have to ask themselves: "If things go on like this, what are the next elections going to do for us?" To which an interim answer is: "That depends on what the electorate will be, when the elections come round."

It is possible, therefore, that fear

of again facing an all-white elec-torate which believes their policies have failed may induce the Nationalist leaders to go for broke, and accept non-racial elections on a common roll. That would involve an electoral pact, under which, in relevant constituencies, NP candidates would get black votes, by ANC directive. The Nationalist leaders, when extremely hard-pressed, as they will be, are likely to contemplate that line. Politicians facing an imminent threat of political extinction will contemplate any expedient, however desperate, that might ensure their survival. They will contemplate it, but



they are unlikely to be able to put it into effect. The limiting factor here is acquiescence of the security forces. These have gone along, often reluctantly, with the de Klerk-Viljoen line, which includes the essential code-word "minority rights", meaning that white power and privileges are to be left intact. If de Klerk, in negotiating with the ANC, seems to be abandoning those rights, the commanders of the police and army are likely to stop him. They have ways of doing this, well short of a coup. The

politically minded among them will have noted with satisfaction the postponement by the ANC of "talks about talks" after police killed a number of demonstrators (or rioters) at Sebokeng last month. Similar incidents could. abort the negotiating process com-

For these reasons, I rate the chances of successful negotiation. as low, though not non-existent. The most likely prospect, I fear, is one of early breakdown of negotiations - assuming they ever get

continuing sanctions, continuing deterioration in the economy, and victory for Dr Treumacht's Conservative party over the Nationalists in South Africa's next all-white - elections.

All that seems probable, but it is not certain. It remains just possible that de Klerk, having gone so far, may decide to take the plutter, and even possible that he may be able to persuade the security forces to go along with him and acquiesce in the holding of grannely non-racial elections. De Klerk is not as "anti-apartheid" as he is sometimes made to sound but he remains the best hope, though a slender one, for the ending of apartheid with the assent of most of the Afrikaner

e Klerk may opt 🛣 radical change only when he gets desperate; to that extent, there is validity in the ANC's hard line. But if he decides eventually to make a great break, and if that break is to be effective, he needs to retain some credibility in his own community, over a long and difficult lear time. Thus there seems to be a need for both carrot and stick. So far, it has been almost all stick, the sole carrotbeing that provided by Mrs Thatcher.

It is de Klerk, rather than Mandela, who needs international help, in the form of encouragement to survive and go further. The international adulation of Nelson Mandela is not doing South Africa, or Mandela himself, any good. Mandela appears now as a tragic figure, more of a prisoner, spiritually, than when in prison. Mandela deeply desires to end the civil war of black on black", as in Natal, but has had to bow to an ANC collective leadership determined to wage that wer. That was the meaning of the cancellation of his meeting with the Zulu leader, Chief Buthelezi Unless Mandela can reassert him-self, he will remain the captive symbol of a movement over which he has no control. "Release Mandela" is once more an appropriate slogan.

There is very little that the outside world can do about all this, but on this particular issue. Mrs Thatcher's political instincts have served her well. Britain's relaxation of sanctions may be de Klerk's lifeline.

cellor, has built much of his

## Matthew Parris

¬hese days, "theme" exhibitions are increasingly the vogue. In London, the Science Museum has a Lego exhibition — though too early to include Labour's next manifesto which Mr Kinnock is constructing, now he has fin-ished building Mr Bryan Gould. The Victoria and Albert has "plastic" for its theme, though I understand that the new, caring face of the Conservative Party is not among the exhibits.

It is good that the hidebound philosophies of museums and galleries are being discarded. But scope remains for progress. To date, themes are dominated by heroes, villains and men on Clapham omnibuses: that is to say, most exhibitions feature the typical, the excellent, or the

But what about the dreary, the dismal and the inexcusable? What of the million hateful little things about our age which need explaining? I am saving up to sponsor an exhibition of my own. Its theme will be Awfulness. My exhibition will display and dissect every ghastly commonplace you have ever confronted and thought "who the hell do we have to thank for

As you enter, the first room will be devoted to "Transport and Travel". An entire section will celebrate Plastic Motorway Cones Through the Ages. An expanded working model of a parking meter will vie for attention with a computer game flashing pictures of single and double yellow lines and those little tin signs which explain when you can and cannot park on alternate Tuesdays, followed by a quiz to test comprehension.

Across the room, an audiovisual display recreates moments from the very first package tour. Did you know this was by rail with Thomas Cook in the 1860s, all the way from Leicester to Loughborough? The room is dedicated to the millionth Sharon to check in at the hundredth hotel named Sol v Mar on the Costa Brava.

Families visiting the exhibition will sample the sights. sounds and smells of a bottomof-the-range bed and breakfast establishment at Cleethorpes. while (discreetly behind a screen) adults only experience the more grisly episodes of a Club 18-30 holiday in Greece.

"Consumer Nightmares". Pride of place here will go to the "Packaging" section. Videos of President Reagan (did you see this, at Reykjavik?) trying to open a packet of nuts follow a serious exposition of the hermetic sealing process and an explanation of how British Rail Travellers' Fare plastic teastirrers are made and why they

A second room is devoted to

This whole room is dominated by a giant polystyrene reproduction of the first Wimpy Bar tomato ketchup dispenser made in plastic to look like a tomato. Beside it, a fungobacteriological expert answers questions on the clotting process by which unused ketchup congeals around the nozzle. A brochure. Eating Out in South London, is available at the door.

The "Political Room" will be given over to "Firsts". Who was the first politician to comb his hair in public? Here you would learn. Donning headphones. visitors can relive the parliamentary moment when Mrs Thatcher first said "poll tax" by

Decorating the walls are scenes from the episode when Barbara Castle's wig got hooked on a piece of trailing cable when (as Minister of Pensions) she pursued the photo-opportunities inherent in picking her way through the smouldering rubble of an old people's home gutted by fire. The room would be devoted not to the triumphs or atrocities of political history. but to the thousand little nastinesses in its margins.

Then there would be "Arts and Entertainment", for which a whole wing would be needed. There is no space, here, to detail the exhibits - the "workshop" on canned laughter; the video Most Embarrassing Scenes Caused by Faulty AutoCue; the study of the birth and evolution of disc jockeys talking over the best parts of records; the games show testing visitors' knowledge about games shows: the history of the Eurovision Song

Contest . . . and many more. Blueprints are at an advanced stage. And I am now able to make two further announcements. Stoke-on-Trent will host the exhibition, Stork Margarine - and I - will sponsor it.

#### No Englishman is an island

Torman Tebbit cannot resist ruffling feathers, even in the refined pages of The Field. Asked to write in the latest issue on "What it means to be British", he plunges on about waves of newcomers intent on importing their nationality to our nation". In the piece - published yesterday in the wake of his failed Hong Kong rebellion - Tebbit complains that Britain's "sense of insularity and nationality has been bruised by large waves of immigrants resistant to absorption". He derides those who use "insular" as a term of abuse, insisting that "the blessing of insularity has long protected us against rabid dogs and dictators alike". But the worst of his ire is reserved not for the Hong Kong Chinese but for the Germans. The Bundesbank, he says, is no more than a "monetary succesor to the Panzer", Given the same brief, the other undeclared pretender to the Tory throne is more tactful, or perhaps just more tactical. Michael Heseltine offers as the essence of Britishness his passions for tree-planting, birdwatching and fishing.

#### Spectator sport

cbbit's recent appointment to the board of *The Spec*tator must make for in-teresting meetings of that august body. Its chairman, Algy Cluff, is a trustee of the Anglo Hong Kong Trust formed "to preserve the special relationship that has existed for 150 years between the UK and Hong Kong" - an objective which must surely in-

clude such confidence-building measurers as offering Hong Kongers as many British passports as possible. Tebbit's presence on the board has already precipitated one furious row which led to Ludovic Kennedy resigning in horror. Kennedy said yesterday: "I couldn't see what place a crude political activist like Norman Tebbu had on the board of a highclass magazine". Charles Moore, the previous editor, took the view that all Hong Kong citizens should be given right of residence in Britain. The Government's pusillanimity, as he saw it, is widely believed to have contributed to his decision not to seek a Tory seat at the next election. Dominic Lawson, the new editor, declined yesterday to be drawn on how such conflicting views on his board will be resolved in the pages of the magazine. Next week's editorial will be perused with even more interest than usual.

#### Running down

Politicians who once clam-oured for the publicity guar-anteed by half killing themselves in the London Marathon are either getting old or running out of steam. Only five are expected to compete tomorrow, down from eight last year. The absentees are blaming overwork. Doug Henderson, the Lab-our trade spkesman, has his eye on the existing parliamentary course record, set by our own Matthew Parris when an MP in 1985, of 2 hours 32min 57sec: Henderson has been running 20 miles a day before going off to the House and says he does his most profound thinking while pounding along. Labour's Alun Michael and Den-

nis Canavan will be there, as will

the Scottish poll tax rebel. Dick Douglas. The persistent Tory MP Gary Waller will be trying to get below four hours at his eighth attempt. But he hasn't a chance, says his less than loyal secretary. "He never does any training."

#### Shell-shocked

fter the trauma of handling A press inquiries at the Departnment of the Environment while it was giving birth to the poll tax, a move to Trade and Industry ought to have offered Jean Caines the prospect of a quieter life. But the Iraqi gun saga has put paid to that. The Big Bertha row erupted only days before she moved in as its director of information, and she has been working round the clock ever since. Seasoned observers recall a similar situation in 1975 when, within days of Neville Gaffin taking the same job at the DTL the Court Line tour company crashed, leaving hundreds of British families stranded abroad. Peter Shore. then Trade Secretary, interrupted his own holiday to deal with the crisis. Gaffin was expected to and slept in the office for 10 nights until the drama was over. The similarities do not end there. Gaffin and Caines are now man

cil. the hunt is on for a new

secretary-general to succeed Luke

Rittner. Front-runners for the job

### Arts trawl hile their lordships were yesterday debating the future of the Aris Coun-

- which will be advertised next: week - are his deputy, Anthony Everett, and Tim Mason, director of the Scottish Arts Council, recently appointed to oversee the controversial new system of regional arts funding which occa-sioned Rittner's resignation. Others in the frame include Colin Tweedy, who succeeded Rittner atthe Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, Christopher Gordon, director of the soon-to-be-defunct Council of Regional Arts Associations: Peter Longman, one-time Arts Council apparatchik who, after six years as secretary of the Museums and Galleries Commission, could be tempted back by a bigger pay packet and Professor Christopher Frayling of the Royal College of Art. As so often, it might just be the outsider who is worth backing. Frayling is aiready chairman of the Arts Council's visual arts panel and is said to get on well with Peter Palumbo, the council's chairman. Rittner did not get on with Palumbo at all.

#### Two of a kind?

he most unlikely people meet in the thost unpromising places. John show similar devotion to duty, Smith, Labour's shadow chan-

considerable parliamentary reputation in recent years attacking the "voodoo economics" of Professor Sir Alan Walters, Mrs Thatcher's former adviser - his invective reaching its height when Nigel Lawson resigned last October. Until this week, however, Smith had never met the man he has spent so much time abusing. Yet ' on the last day of his visit to.
Washington, they found them. selves at adjacent tables in one ofthe town's smartest resignants. Says Smith: "We didn't discuss" economics; we just exchanged's pleasantries. Labour is clearly moving closer and closer to freemarket economics.

ichael Grade laces in-teroal rebellion at Chan-nel 4 over plans to uproof operations from central London and move offices to a riverside headquarters at Hammersmith. The scheme is the favourite of three confidential options being considered by the board but is the least popular with Channel 4 staff. One says: "They have tried to buy. proposal by offering a free busservice to and from the nearest. tube station. But it's not on; if theygo ahead, a lot of people will, leave. The company must quit its present Charlotte Street head-quarters by January, 1993, Staff prefer the two central London alternative: St John's Square Clerkenwell, and the old., Smithfield Market site Much more convenient for long media

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to the problem which is burning beneath most British and many Irish fingernails: extradition. \*At least there were no spectacular rows either. Mr Charles Haughey is not entitled to a carte blanche to ignore this issue. But as long as he continues to talk boloney about British extradition aside temporarily may be best.

constitutional conumdrum. The integrity of the huarrel in Ireland, Winston Churchill once femarked, was unaltered by the cataclysm of a war which altered the map of Europe. Significant changes can thus be masked from view. Not only has the Irish Supreme Court handed down landmark rulings in the two test eases of Finucane and Carron over the past six weeks, which appear to reverse the progress which had been made between the Republic and Britain on extradition since the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed five years ago. It also, on March 1, issued a new doctrine on Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution.

express a wish that Ireland should be united or, ments to bring it about. The court ruled in favour of the latter view, but denied that this Agreement, which gave de facto recognition to the British presence in the North. Despite the Agreement, the court now maintains, the North is already de jure part of the Republic.

The Supreme Court's judgment is a re-minder that Articles 2 and 3 are useless as a guide to Irish policy. No Irish government will use force to meet the obligation placed on it by the Constitution. Yet almost any compromise can be regarded by the political opposition as a dereliction of duty. In the words of one Irish lawyer: "If the Northern conflict is ever to be resolved on any condition short of a complete Imionist surrender, there will have to be dilution of the pure milk of the Constitution."

The IRA needs no help from the Irish Supreme Court to justify killing people. Its tampaign of violence would be murder just the serie if Articles 2 and 3 had never been written. But the continuance of such obvious discrepancies between legal and political reality are hardly conducive to respect for the law.

A provisional solution has long been to hand white form of a recommendation of the 1967

all-party committee of the Irish Senate. This redrafted Articles 2 and 3 to make it clear that unification was a wish of the Irish people. However, the present roling party, Fianna Fail, has never wished to amend the Constitution. The opposition, Fine Gael, and the smaller parties are committed in principle to amendment. But their record of tabling such amendments is poor.

British governments have little leverage on Irish constitutional matters. To threaten to suspend the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985 would ensure that, if the bluff were called, the Irish parties disposed to support a constitutional amendment would then be paralysed. They could not be seen to assist a British Government that tore up the one legal instrument which is accepted by both governments and has, despite its shortcomings, given hope to the Republican minority without depriving the Unionist majority of its veto. London needs Dublin more than vice versa.

Britain points to the mental block which the Constitution presents to almost any form of reconciliation in Northern Ireland or to any negotiation which involves the Republic. Any political progress in the North has the odds further stacked against it after the Supreme Court's latest judgments. Unionists have now added to their shopping list of conditions for dialogue the reversal of this latest interpretation of Ireland's constitutional claim to the North. Dialogue was anyway unlikely, but here the Unionists do have cause for complaint.

These theoretical questions are inextricable from the practical obstacles which the running sore of extradition presents to the defeat of the Provisional IRA. Mr Haughey deserves to be given time to demonstrate that the Irish law on extradition, recast three years ago, can deliver terrorist suspects to justice.

No doubt there will be further depressing setbacks on extradition before the tide begins to turn. But the political momentum which has been lost during recent weeks must somehow be regained. Some comfort has been provided by hints this week from the Irish Foreign Minister, Mr Gerry Collins, that Dublin would be glad to resume talks about resuscitating the Northern Irish assembly. By eschewing the opportunity to attack Mr Haughey yesterday over extradition, Mrs Thatcher proved that she is shrewd enough to seize on this nugget of hope buried in the granite of despair. Her

gesture should not be ignored in Dublin. ated by Lord Whitelaw, the last Home Secretary but two. In more than eight years

Soviet-German boundary and friendship treaty. The Katyn massacre - part of a plan to

Poll tax disquiet Sowerby, CH

Sir, I well remember the passive isters following the Education Act 1903 ("Protest that hit the Tories", April 14). My father was one of them, and so were many others from the Nonconformist chapels in my home town in Derbyshire. I have a photograph of a hay cart full of them, hailing passers-by as they made slow progress to the magistrates' court.

My boyhood, right up to leaving home 10 years afterwards, was disturbed by the annual visit of the police to serve the summons on my father. For weeks each year bome life was embittered by the domestic argument about the threat of his 14 days in prison for refusal to pay.

Unlike the poll tax, this resistance was not on the grounds of being "unfair", or "unjust", or "inability to pay". In 1903 it was a moral issue, a deeply-held conscientious objection to an education rate levied to fund the maintenance of Church schools. This went far deeper than anything I have heard against the poll

Yours faithfully. HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY. House of Lords. April 16,

Gerhardie's 'block' From Mr Michael Ivens,

Sir, Dr Stuttaford's comments on the great novelist William Ger-hardie (Medical Briefing, April 19) are quite distasteful. Those of us who knew William Gerhardie well for very many years knew that he wasn't the slightest bit schizophrenic. There were deep reasons for his literary block, but they certainly weren't schizoid.

To describe him as miserly, fearful of the world and surrounded by mounds of old newspapers is ridiculous. He didn't like leaving his flat, but very much welcomed visits by people he thought would amuse him. He was poor, but certainly not miserly. He was not surrounded by old newspapers but by boxes containing the manuscript of his magnum opus, This Present Breath, which was

never completed. I haven't seen the work he left, though he read a good deal of it to me. I doubt whether Dr Stuttaford has seen it either, yet he describes it as "gibberish". Gerhardie's biographer, Dido Davies, has seen it and described it as a fascinating record of human consciousness.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL IVENS. 40 Doughty Street, WC1. April 19.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Breaking away from Moscow's hold Confusion in our classrooms

From Dr Maskhud Dzhumusov Sir, Mikhail Gorbachov is not "reprofessional classes - was one of the ways in which Stalin imcruiting nationalist intellectuals as potential leaders of a new specifically Russian populist front", as stated in your editorial ("Brink-manship in Moscow", April 12). Until now he has been trying to Lithuania into submission demstick to the "centre", giving preference neither to radicals, who are ready to plunge themselves thoughtlessly into the abyss of reform, nor to the conservative flank of the Communist Party, standing up for their positions.

Gorbachov's credo does not imply orientation towards national elements or movements, Russian or otherwise. He has always adhered to the principle of consolidation, believing that it is unacceptable to be led by people defending group or nationalist interests. This does not mean that he is unaware of the fact that most of the nations populating the Soviet Union have their own specific problems crying out for solution. The situation in a number of regions is almost out of control, but solutions should still be based on consensus, taking into account the interests of the entire

nion. If this does not happen, national egoism may lead to crises (as in Lithuania), or simply reduce to naught the efforts of the presidential system to solve problems constructively. The Presidential Council has other members besides the eminent defender of the Russian people's interests you highlighted, writer Valentin Rasputin, Among them, for instance, s another writer, Chinghiz Aitmatov, who is actively campaign-ing for a solution to the problems facing the Kirghiz people.

The assertion that Gorbachov is recruiting Russian nationalists as potential leaders of a Russian populist front is, at best, illogical. Yours faithfully MASKHUD DZHUNUSOV (Senior Researcher), institute of Sociology USSR Academy of Sciences, 14 Leninski Prospekt, 117901 Moscow, USSR.

From Mr Wojtek Szatkowski Sir, It is ironic that President Gorbachov has carried out his threats to use economic coercion against Lithuania just a few days after the Soviet Union's admission of responsibility for the mass murder of Polish officers at Katya in 1940 (report, April 13).

The USSR's annexation of independent Lithuania in 1940 was made possible by the secret protocols of the September 28, 1939,

has to draw the line somewhere if the risks of a disastrous political and economic fragmentation of the Soviet Union are to be reduced: and drawing the line at Lithuania is a reasonable decision. Indeed a long drawn-out and well-publicised crisis for Lithuania might serve his purposes rather well in dealings with other nationalist eruptions.

Sir, Current discussions on Lithuania seldom concentrate on

the fact that President Gorbachov

destroy the Polish educated and

plemented a secret provision to

President Gorbachov's latest

display of determination to bully

onstrates that there is as yet no

regret in the Kremlin at some of

the other clauses of the 1939 treaty

with Nazi Germany, and that the

heirs of Stalin, while selectively

denouncing Stalinism, show little

willingness to admit the spurious-

ness of their title to the ill-gotten

territorial proceeds of Stalin's collusion with Hitler.

Yours faithfully, WOJTEK SZATKOWSKI,

South Kensington, SW7.

From Mr David Damant

36 Roland Gardens,

April 19.

counter "Polish agitation".

The somewhat self-satisfied confidence manifested by the Lithuanian leadership shows no realisation of the situation. That may be understandable, but the West would be correct in treating Lithuania as no more than a pawn in a larger game in which Lithua-nia itself will suffer if things go

Yours faithfully DAVID DAMANT, 12 Agar Street, WC2. April 19.

From Mr K. W. Mieszkis Sir, The USSR will not suddenly collapse because the Baltic states are trying to return to the indepen-dence which they enjoyed before the last war. However, considerable difficulties for Soviet Russia may result from the inability of the Soviet leaders, including Mr Gorbachov, to persuade them-selves and the Baltic states that it is in everybody's interest to replace the present out-of-date relationship by an up-to-date friendship.

This is difficult, to put it mildly, with Russian tanks in Lithuanian towns and the menacing clouds of perputation sanctions.

Yours sincerely, K. W. MIESZKIS, 84 Hereford Road, Monmouth, Gwent,

#### Lost legend

Sir, The headline on Dilys Powell's excellent valedictory to Greta Garbo ("The last of the legends", April 17) is not strictly correct. The fabulous Marlene Dietrich still lives in Paris and will this year celebrate her 89th birthday. Of all the great stars of the

1930s, Dietrich was the only one whose name could be spoken in the same breath as that of Garbo. With Davis, Crawford, Stanwyck, Shearer and, now, Garbo all gone to their respective rewards, it must give her much pleasure - in spite of her recluse-like existence - to know that she has outlived them all to become, truly, "the last of the legends". I am sure Miss Powell - who in the sphere of film criticism is something of a legend herself - will agree.

Yours sincerely, BRENDAN G. CARROLL 2 Southbank Road, Grassendale, Liverpool 19.

#### Roadside flowers

From Mr Michael Sargent Sir. Having recently driven many miles through the south of England I am astonished by the outcrop of daffodils in the most unlikely places - not wild daffodils nestling in the hedgerows but overbred blooms in organised clumps or regimented blocks spaced along the roadsides. This week, by the Buckingham bypass there even appeared phalanxes of tulips - what next. salvias?

Roadside flowers are a joy but why intrude suburban garden flowers in country verges? Surely we should be choosing plants which are appropriate to the local soil and aspect: cowslips, violets. primroses, ox eye daisies, harebells, poppies - there is no lack of choice. But who is to stop the march of the army of daffodils? Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SARGENT, 5 Church Street,

Brill, Buckinghamshire.

#### Marriage and religion From Rabbi Jonathan Romain

Sir. The dilemma faced by the Catholic Church with regard to mixed-faith marriages ("Catholics in confusion", article, April 7) is shared by synagogues and most other religious groups. We consider it preferable that a person marries someone of their own faith, yet have to acknowledge that there is an increasing tendency not

to do so.
Once we have come to terms with that reality - and it is a difficult task - we then meet another problem. We want to maintain the faith and pass it on to the next generation, but is it fair to insist that one partner's religion takes precedence over that of the other? Not if we recognise, as Judaism does, that there are many ways to heaven and that all the major faiths are valid in the eyes of God. Changing a written prom-

From the Principal of Wakefield District College

Sir. The vote to confront the Government taken by the National Union of Teachers (report, April 18) will certainly raise the profile of the education profession, but not necessarily in a way which many teachers and lecturers might wish. Yet it is difficult to see how reason could replace the primacy of rhetoric when the teaching unions are many in number, concerned mainly with improving pay and conditions, and offer little consistency regarding tactics.

Surely now is the time for the establishment of a Professional Teaching Council, with individual teacher registration, which could provide a national and neutral forum about issues of common interest and, in so doing, raise the positive profile of the profession by emphasising its problems, but also its considerable successes.

Yours faithfully, K. W. RUDDIMAN, Principal, Wakefield District College, Wakefield Centre,

Margaret Street, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

From Mr R. J. Wilson Sir, Your leader (April 17) rightly suggests a constructive way out of horrendous mess into which the National Curriculum (for all its potential benefits) is currently leading schools, particularly in the final two years of compulsory education

An article in The New York Times (April 4) on radical changes made in Kentucky, removing the power of the State to dictate the syllabus, suggests the spirit which should inform Government thinking. Two quotations will make the

The Kentucky lawmakers may well have signaled the eclipse of one of the most stifling educational trends of the last decade: the growing control by state education departments over how teachers and stu-dents spend their time.

The Department may not tell teach ers and principals in successful schools how to run their classes. "Regulation is for schools that are failing, not for ones that are succeeding", said Jack Foster, secretary of the Governor's Education and Cul-

Yours faithfully, ROBIN WILSON (Headmaster), Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, Surrey.

#### **Inside State schools** From Mr Ivor Chapman

Sir, Mr John Horn, president Of the Secondary Heads Association. urges teachers in State schools to support their own system (report, April 7). He would like them to send their own children to State schools.

Why should they not do so? As deputy head of an outer London comprehensive school which maintains high standards in nearly every respect, I can see one main and fundamental deficiency in my own and every other State school: that is our inability to get rid of the child who is a thoroughly evil influence on others and a disrupter of their education.

Ninety-five per cent of our pupils are, at heart, willing, pleasant and cooperative. Disciplinary processes and sanctions concerned with the remaining 5 per cent consume an inordinate amount of the time of our most experienced teachers. A quick and efficient means of disposing of those whose presence vitiates the education of others is an urgent need.

When we can protect the normai ordinary pupil not only from the ill effects of immediate contact with the amoral few but also from

## War horses

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. N. Ross

Sir, There used to be a very fine picture of Napoleon on Marengo letters, April 4, 16, 18) in the old United Services Club in Pall Mall -whether a copy or the original, I do not know, I have always understood that the grey Arab pony used by the artist was the property of my great-great-grandather, Lieutenant General Sir William Augustus Quentin. He commanded the 10th Hussars in the Peninsular campaign, commanded a cavalry brigade at Waterloo and finished up as Queen Victoria's Master of Horse. He is buried in the grounds of Kew Parish Church - a fact. We were always told that the Arab was buried in Kew Gardens (not verified).

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, G. N. ROSS, Flat 19.

33-39 Redcliffe Square, SW10.

ise to a verbal one does not disguise the religious one-upmanship implicit.

Although priests and rabbis may wish such unions did not occur, surely we must consider a mixed-faith family that is loving and God-fearing to be better than one that is seething with religious rivalry or that declares "a plague on both your houses". It means giving the couple the freedom to establish their own religious lifestyle, without burdening them with guilt or constricting them

The traditions of both partners must carry equal weight and the religious identity of any children is for the parents to decide and cannot be hijacked by either faith. Yours faithfully. JONATHAN ROMAIN. Maidenhead Synagogue,

9 Boyn Hill Avenue.

Maidenhead, Berkshire.

with edicts.

From Mrs S. R. Campion Sir, No - not at all "unwillingly to school" (leader, April 11). Of course it is professionally satisfying to have greater budgetary control at school level. Neither my staff nor I are reluctant to make the most of our increased autonomy. Is it so exciting, though, when our budget, based as it is on average costs, will not fund this real school?

My quandary is this: as a wellestablished school we have many experienced and long-staying staff. They are a great asset. My budget however is based on average staff costs. The Government's teacher recruitment campaign seeks to bring back into the profession those who have for one reason or another given up teaching. These returners will be very expensive as they are at or near the top of the incremental scale.

My school cannot afford them, We have only one applicant for a PE vacancy at present: she's an experienced teacher and we can't afford her. There are ever fewer young recruits to teaching: almost every subject is now a shortage area. Where shall I find affordable teachers? Where will experienced teachers find jobs?

Yours taluntuly, SUSAN CAMPION (Headmistress). High Road,

Woodford County High School, Woodford Green, Essex. April 11. From Dr J. C. Gibbings Sir, Mr D. Hatfield (April 16) does

not mention a serious deficiency in the practice of the examining boards. I refer to the upgrading of results arising from re-marking. In a school of which I am a

governor we had seven pupila upgraded last year in just one Alevel subject, directly as a result of our request for re-marking.

First, this shows the complet inadequacy of the "processing and checking" procedures for which Mr Hatfield claims considerable time is needed. Secondly, in our case the board took six weeks to re-mark these few scripts, by which time all seven of our sixthformers had lost their places in tertiary education. Yours sincerely, J. C. GIBBINGS. 7 Andrews Walk,

Heswali. Wirral, Merseyside. April 17.

the associated loss of his or her rightful share of teachers' time, we will be able to send our own children to our own schools with

total confidence. Yours faithfully IVOR CHAPMAN, 11 Woodside Park Avenue, Walthamstow, E17.

Sir, As someone who teaches in a State school but has a daughter in an independent school I regard Mr. Horn's reasoning as faulty. Would; he, I wonder, argue that people; who work for a local authority housing department should choose to live only in council. housing or that those who drive: buses or trains should not run their own cars?

The point is, surely, that, like other State-sector employees, teachers should be free to choose from the range of facilities on offer whether they be publicly or privately controlled. A teacher is after all employed to teach, not to act as an ambassador for State education.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM C. ROSEBLADE, 245 Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham.

#### NHS resources

From Mr Derek W. Parsons Sir, Dr J. L. G. Thomson (April 5) and Dr Oscar Craig (April 10) point out the need for more magnetic resource imaging (MRI) scanners in the NHS. Sadly, new high technology is expensive and has to compete for a piece of the NHS cake.

When recently my surgeon advised an MRI scan to investigate my disabling back pain, I was lucky, as I could have one done privately and thus have speedy curative surgery. I was spared the invasion of a needle and contrast into the spinal space, and the invasion of more X-rays.

My NHS patients with similar problems cannot have an MRi scan as the district health authority budget allows for the purchase of only 20 such scans a year for a population of 300,000. Their chances of this more informative investigation appear bleaker with the White Paper proposals, with tighter budget control, and no more cake.

Yours etc DEREK W. PARSONS (Consultant orthopaedic surgeon), Meon House. Meon Close. Downs Way, Tadworth, Surrey.

#### Red herring?

From Miss S. B. S. Pigrome Sir, Your account in today's paper (April 17) of the sale of illegally caught salmon to hotel chefs reminds me that I once stayed at a hotel at which the dinner menu included "poached Severn salmon". At the time I thought this ambiguous, but now I wonder whether the management were not simply being honest. Yours faithfully STELLA PIGROME. Round Chimney, Playden, Rye, East Sussex. April 17.

The meeting of the British and Irish Prime Ministers yesterday produced no new solutions intransigence, a tacit understanding to set

Underlying the extradition debate is a

The Articles had hitherto been held either to alternatively, a binding obligation on governinvalidated the Irish Government's signing of

IT TOOK A RIOT

Every extra day spent by the rioting prisoners on the roof of Strangeways jail should be an additional day of shame for the Home Office, Yet the damage to the public purse - £100,000. a day for policing, £80 million to rebuild the prison — is as high as the cost to public

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considence in the penal system. The British penal system has shown itself. unable to prevent a riot in the first place and slow to regain control thereafter. This renders Lollow the claim that only in the public sector can order be maintained. The public sector is incapable of controlling its prisons. The reasons are clear: deplorable conditions, and prison officers who are as concerned with their

overtime payments as they are for the welfare 生态本 of those they are supposed to guard. The siege at Strangeways must be ended immediately and by force if necessary, as we The state of have argued already. What can be done about the underlying causes and consequent costs of the loss of control? The conditions must be brought nearer to the standard now prevailing in most penal establishments in the rest of Europe. The Victorian jails may not have been inhumane when first built, now that they house

two or three prisoners in cells designed for one, they have become so, But there is a better reason for getting rid of (T) 17(\$15°. them. Many are buildings of great architectural interest on valuable sites close to city centres. Sell, for instance, Pentonville or Wormwood Scrubs and a developer could divide them into flats or "lofts" brimming with industrial chic. The money could be used to build bigger and

more civilized prisons on cheaper land. There is little doubt that the private sector on its own could accomplish this task more quickly than the Home Office. The present £1. billion prison building programme was initiconstruction stage. If private companies are to build the prisons for themselves, might they not also run them more efficiently? A private operator would be aghast at the idea of allowing its prisoners to

since then eight new prisons have been built.

Sixteen more are still only at the planning or

wreak £80 million worth of damage. Showd damage occur, at least insurers rather than taxpayers would pick up the tab. In America, private prison management has saved money, reduced violence and improved conditions.

Privatization should also improve the management of prison officers. These days, no private industry would tolerate the restrictive practices of prison officers, who are monopoly suppliers of skills to a monopoly buyer and who showed their belligerence in last year's industrial dispute. Each private prison would agree its own conditions of employment in

negotiation with its own officers. Standards of care would have to be maintained. Prison officers would still be expected to undergo professional training. The prisons would be regulated by the Home Office, through such existing mechanisms as

boards of visitors and the inspectorate. If the Government fears taking so radical a step, it could start with a smaller one. There has long been an argument for separating remand prisoners from those who have been convicted. Those on remand are still innocent; they are in prison not to be punished but to be kept under strict supervision until their trial. Locking them up with convicted criminals is not only unfair but unwise. Farming them out to secure private-sector remand centres would make indicial as well as penal sense.

## TRUE BRIT OR NOT TRUE BRIT

Many Asians in Britain fail the "cricket test", according to Mr Norman Tebbit this week.
"Which side do they cheer for?" he demands in an interview with the Los Angeles Times which must have confused a number of its readers. The test is apparently one of cultural identity that which makes one feel at home in one's

own country. One knows what he means, of course. There was a time, more than 40 years ago, when a day at Lord's was deeply reassuring. Whether England won or lost — usually the latter — the rippling applause for a glance past fine leg or the murmur of a companionable hush was the sound of a nation at peace with itself in midsummer. There might be an occasional visitor from the dominions, cheering Bradman to his first hundred. But such a flicker of dissent in that homogeneous gathering was

brief The shouts and rattling tin cans in the stands today not only suggest a new approach to applause but also reflect wider divisions in national loyalties. It is now the West Indian bowlers or Indian batsmen who receive (and often deserve) the londest cheers as they run through the English middle order batting or

smite a home-grown spinner past mid-off. Whether that it is a good thing or not is a personal judgement. Our cricket grounds are much livelier and as long as the newcomers rattle their Coke cans for the sound it makes (as opposed to hurling them at people down below) they cannot be said to be doing any

Nor is this division of loyalties novel. A number of our more illustrious monarchs,

from William the Conqueror through William

III and George I (who could hardly speak English) would have failed the cricket test. Whether the Tudors (Welsh) or the Stuarts (Scots) would have cried "On, on you noblest English!" from the nursery end is a moot point. Mary Tudor was half-Spanish.

There are indeed Welsh or Scottish rugby

crowds who might on a cold damp January

afternoon cherish private hopes that the

French might win at Twickenham - thus

furthering their own side's championship ambitions. If we cannot trust the London Welsh to support England in these circumstances, it is surely unreasonable to expect loyalty from a cricket-mad grocer who has just arrived from Gujarat and sees his former countrymen triumphing at the crease. The idea of an England cricket XI is now equally confused. Of those on the recent tour to the West Indies; two come from South Africa,

one from Jamaica, one from Dominica and

one from Barbados, while another, Nasser Hussain, was born in India. And who is the man for whom the selectors lick their lips? The young Worcestershire batsman Graeme Hick, from Zimbabwe. But we suppose this does not answer Mr Tebbit's point, which is similar to that made in less selfconscious times by Gilbert and Sullivan:

For he might have been a Roossian

Or a French or Turk or Proossian

Or perhaps an Ital-ian!

But in spite of all temptations To belong to other nations He remains an Englishman Now, will it not raise the rafters in the Long Room when Messrs Patel start singing that at Lord's?

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He will be remembered for

his shrewd business acumen

and ability to adapt his show-

man's instincts to modern needs, thus displaying a vision that built on his family's long

traditions. His business em-

pire will carry on as usual in

Two things remained con-stant in Chipperfield's life, his

memory of everyone who had

the hands of his family.

#### COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 20: The Duke of Edin-burgh. Trustee of the Council of .-St George's House, this evening attended the 1990 St George's House Annual Lecture at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The Queen celebrates her birth-

#### Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward will

will attend a luncheon at Twickenham at 12.30; and attend the Four Home Unions rugby foot-

Mr A.J. Channing and Miss D.M. Thody

The engagement is announced Mary, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P.B. and Mrs John Thody, of Saul of London.

Mr J.N. Kilpatrick and Miss J.M. Crimendes The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs E.H.R. Collier, of York, and Anne-Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lawlor, of London.

Mr M.P.R. Corfield and Miss L.P. Spencer-Phillips The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Corfield,

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Cranmer, of Winchester, Hampshire and

Mr N.J. Firth and Miss J.J. Garsrud

· The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Dr and Mrs Paul Firth, of Hale Barnes, Cheshire and Julia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Olav Garsrud, of Sunderland, Tyne

Mr N.L. Hudson and Miss L.J.E. Scott

The engagement is announced between Nick, son of Mr Derek Hudson and the late Mrs Ellie Hudson, of Brentwood, Essex, and Lorns, daughter of the late Mr Grahame Scott and Mrs Jean Scott, of Milngavie,

Mr R.D.C. Jefferies

and Miss P.A. Tait The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Jefferies, of West Wickham, Kent, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Tail, of Teignmouth, South

Mr R.C. Woodler

and Miss B.J. Rimmer The engagement is appounced between Robert Christopher, elder son of Dr N. Woodier, of Clanddona. Anglesey, and Mrs. G.L. Woodier, of Aughton, Lanreashine, and Belinda Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. Rimmer. of Ormskirk, Lancashire.

## **Birthdays**

TODAY: Professor Gerald Benney, gold and silversmith. 60: Sir George Burton, former chairman, Fisons. 74: Mr Charles Carrington, author, 93; the Earl of Derby, 72; Mr Laurence Ellis, rector, Edin-Hurgh Academy, 58; Sir Eric Lloyds Bank. 76: Professor Sir Lawrence Gowing, painter, 72; Air Marshal Sir John Hunter-Tod, 73; Sir Robin Ibbs, deputy hairman, Lloyds Bank, 64; Mr John McCabe, director, London College of Music. 51; Dr Halfdan Mahler, former direc-

Miss Angela Mortimer, tennis player, 58: Mr John Mortimer, QC, barrister, playwright and author, 67: Mr Geoffrey Palmer, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

TOMORROW: Mr Leo Absertormer MP, 73; Lord Airedale,

Mr Ronald Hynd, choreographer. 59: Mr Nico Ladenis. restaurateur, 56; Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM, violinist, 74; Mr Jack Nicholson, actor, director and producer, 53; Sir Sidney Nolan, OM, artist, 73: the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, 74; Miss 48; Sir Raymond Potter, former Margaret Pereira, forensic sci-chairman, Halifax Building entist. 62; Viscount Portman, Society, 74; Mr Anthony Quinn, 56; Professor Sir Eric Scowen,

attend the first European Rugby Player of the Year Awards dinner at the Savoy Hotel at

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A. Jolliffe and Miss D.J. Saul

between Augustus John, second son of Mr Austin Channing, of Wexford, Ireland, and the late Mrs Joan Channing, and Donna

Buckfastleigh, Devonshire. -Dr. P.H.Y. Ching

and Miss S.L. Wong The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Dr. Y.K. Ching, MBE, JP and Mrs Ching, of Hong Kong, and Sally, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C. Wong, of Singapore.

Mr N.R. Collier and Ms A-M. Lawlor

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Kilpatrick, of Colinion, Edinburgh, and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Crittenden of Broadstairs, Kent. Mr C. O'Dowd and Miss T. Kirkhy

The engagement is announced between Conor, second son of Mr and Mrs Rory O'Dowd, of Shannon, Co. Clare, and Tania, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Kirkby, of Bromley, Kent. of Kingston House, Totnes, Devon, and Lucilla, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Patrick Spencer-Phillips of Levells ... Hall, Bildeston, Suffolk. Mr J.R. Ransom and Miss J.E.M. Borselli

Mr R.C.A. Cranmer and Miss A.J. Boyd

The engagement is announced between John Richard (Pon) Ransom, youngest son of Mrs Mary Ransom, of Maresfield, Sussex, and the late Mr Alan Ransom, and Julia Emma Margherita Borselli, daughter of Alison, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Cam Boyd, of Ballinglen, County Wicklow, Romano and Sheelagh Borselli of Marcsfield, Sussex.

Mr A. Reid and Miss S. Renthorn

The engagement is announced between Alasdair, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Reid, of Trinity, Jersey, Channel Isles, and Sheryl, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Henthorn, of Oxhey, Hertfordshire. and Wear.

Mr A.M. Ridge and Miss K.J. Wilson The engagement is announced between Antony, only son of the late Mr M.A. Ridge and of Mrs P. Ridge, of Newton Abbot, Devon, and Kathrya, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Antony, only son of the Wilson, of West Horsley.

Surrey. Miss L. Sanders and Baron G. Guerrier de

Dumast The engagement is announced between Lyvia Sanders, only daughter of Mr Roy Sanders and Mrs Anthony Marwood, and Baron Gilles Guerrier de Baronne Bernard Guerrier de

Dumasi. Mr S. Dymoke and Mice C. Class

The engagement is announced ween Simon, son of Mr and Mrs John Dymoke, of Harpenden, Herts, and Catherine, daughter of Dr Michael Clark MP and Mrs Clark, of Rochford,

tor-general, WHO, 67. chairman, Halifax Building Society, 74; Mr Anthony Quinn, actor, 75.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9:30 M. Ven J Morrison: 11 S Euch (Outre). Missa Brevis (Walton). Let all mortal fiesh keep silence (Bairstow). Rev J Packer: 5.15 Responses (Howells). Galchester Service (Walton). Gloria in excelsis Deo (Weelles): 5 Scouts Service for St Georgestide. Rev B Ellis: 6.30 Sermon & Compiline. Rev B Bowels:

B Bowder.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 10 S

Buch. Schubert in G. Three we adore

(Plainsong). Canon J Toy: 11.30 M.

Responses Byrd). Stanford in B flat:

2.50 York & District Scouts' Association Annual Service; 4 E. Sumsion in

G. Praise our Lord, all ye Centiles, Mr

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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC.
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C. Rei C Hill: 11.30 HC. Sumsion in

Morgan
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10
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Rowers (Lole). Canon C Semper:
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Lord bless you (Rutter). Rev. A Luff. 3

#### TOMORROW: Prince Edward

hall match against the Rest of Europe at 3.00.

The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Mr D.N. Jolliffe and of Mrs

Jolliffe, formerly, of Dover, Kent, and Dorothy Jane, eldest

The engagement is announced

between Mark William, son of Mr and Mrs William T. Ken-

nedy, of Timperley, Cheshire and Amanda Eleanor, daughter

of Mr and Mrs Gerald J. McKeown, of Highgate,

Mr M.W. Kennedy and Miss A.E. McKeown

London.

## BORN in a caravan in

THE RT REV GEORGE REINDORP

weekday services. His admin-

istrative ability stood him in good stead when several ad-

charge during this period of

postwar re-organisation. During this successful ministry he

trained a number of young priests who subsequently held

In 1957 he was appointed

Provost of Southwark Cathe-

dral. This was a difficult

assignment but nevertheless he left his mark although his

venure of office bested but four

years. In 1961 he was con-

secrated Lord Bishop of Guildford. The choice could

not have been better. He

became popular and much admired, although inevitably

his determination and tireless

energy hurt some and shamed

financial position of the Di-

ocese that it gained the reput-

ation for paying its clergy well

parsonage houses were in

good condition and of the

right size. The spiritual life of

the Diocese was also im-

proved and a valuable link

was established with the Prov-

Reindorp's arrival in

Guildford coincided with the

consecration of the new

Cathedral. His experience in

Southwark and his enthu-

siasm for making the Cathe-

and for ensuring

ince of West Africa.

He so transformed the

high office in the Church.

pel resulted in a crowded draft the centre of the Diocese Church for both Sunday and for worship, education and

acent parishes were put in his from the parishes.



The Rt Rev George Edmund

Reindorp, DD, former Bishop of Guildford (1961-1973) and

of Salisbury (1973-81), died on

April 20, aged 78. He was born on December 19, 1911.

THE Rt Rev George Reindorp

was an outstanding and excep-tionally versatile Bishop. He

had an easy eloquence which

attracted large congregations

and made him a popular after-

dinner speaker. He was a

polished raconteur and an

With such qualities he com-

bined a very considerable adminstrative ability. Beneath

all there was a genuine sincer-

ity, an unswerving dedication to his vocation and an energy

of such driving force that some of those who served

under him did not find life

easy. The rewards, though,

George Reindorp was edu-cated at Felsted School, Trin-

ity College, Cambridge, and finally Westcott House, He

was ordained in St Paul's Cathedral and his ministry

began in the parish of St Mary

Abbots, Kensington in 1937.

During the war he served in

the Royal Navy as a Chaplain.

In 1946 Reindorp was ap-

pointed Vicar of St Stephen.

Rochester Row, with St Mary the Virgin, Vincent Square.

His preaching, his devoted

pastoral care, and his compul-

sion to communicate the Gos-

**Marriages** 

Mr M.D. Waddington

and Miss V.J. Morley

Mr M.R.E. Stimsfeld

Church services tomorrow

and Miss M.A. Joseph

were considerable.

adept mimic.

James ("Jimmy") Chipperfield, the sixth generation of his family to head Chipperfield Circus and a safari park pioneer, died on larly visited game reserves in mals he loved. Pets included April 20 aged 78.

Africa, catching animals to James, a 24-year-old

JAMES CHIPPERFIELD

**OBITUARIES** 

Corsham, Wilts, Jimmy Chipperfield spent most of his childhood touring the country with his family's travelling fair. He suffered from a lack of schooling but was educated in the ring as a trapeze artist and to wrestle with bears. The latter skill brought him to the London Palladium just before the war with a bear called Bruni in a George Black extravaganza, London

Despite his strong family ties, Jimmy had defied his father's orders and eloped to marry his childhood sweetheart Rosie Purchase during his early twenties.

Unable to join the war effort after the outbreak of Second World War because he could not add up sufficiently well, Chipperfield, aged 28, sent himself to school in Stockbridge, Hampshire. He eventually was accepted into the RAF and flew Mosquito aircraft. After demobilisation, Chipperfield rejoined the circus with his brother Dick.

for worship, education and music, shared fortunately by

the Dean and Chapter, pro-

duced a wonderful response

In 1973, much to his sur-

prise, Reindorp was translated

to Salisbury, where he stayed until 1981. There his abound-

ing energy quickly made him

widely known over the exten-

sive Diocese and his gift for

administration increasingly

During a busy life Reindorp

found time for broadcasting

and for writing some half a

dozen short books of popula

theology. He had a gift for

communication and could

captivate his audience, es-

His communication skills

were put to good use with the BBC Radio Religious Depart-ment in 1982-83 arranging

and performing services and

other programmes. In 1982.

he became an Assistant

Another happy and success

ful aspect of his ministry was

that of conducting missions.

This took him to Canada

Australia and the African

continent, among other places. In 1970 he took his seat

His first wife died in 1987

and he is survived by his

second wife, three sons and a

pecially the young.

London.

daughter.

animals until their partner- captivity if they were well cared for. Jinney Chipperfield ship split up in the 1950s. Jimmy Chipperfield regu- died surrounded by the att-

Africa, catching animals to James, a 24-year-old bring them back to his shows, chimpunzee, Congo, a pet a practice which later involved him in a number of pink cockatoo. controversies. He was outspoken and his relations with the London Zoo for a period in the early Seventies were not

It was in Africa that the idea. of the safari park originated. Lord Bath was the first landowner to join in partnership with Chipperfield to form Longleat safari park in 1966. The joint venture defied the sceptics and proved an enor-MOUS SICKS

exactly cordial.

wild in captivity spread across the country and other parks soon opened elsewhere, including ventures in Europe.
Chipperfield became a

millionare through his shrewd business brain and survived the unpopularity of the circus by means of his safari park

Safari Park, gradually withdrawing his interests in the other wildlife centres. He cared deeply for his Together they built a huge animals and brushed aside and three children, John, circus empire and travelled criticism of circuses by saying Mary and Margaret.

CBE, Chairman and Manag-

ing Director of Monarch Air-lines, died on April 14 aged 58, He was born on May 22, 1931.

ALAN Sundden was one of a

small band of leaders of the

British charter airline industry

who formulated and in-

services with the scheduled

airlines, and followed a policy

of acquiring modern jets di-

rectly from the assembly lines

of the manufacturers. At the

repeat business and helped the

today totals more than 20

twin-engine, modern jets,

300-center Airbus A300-600R.

The first of an order for four of

Brimin.

he became an Assistant stewardesses serving hot Bishop in the Diocese of meals. The policy resulted in

casualties.

been late for an appointment and his certainty about the The idea of the taste of the wisdom of introducing wild animals into parks where people could drive among

Twenty years after Longicat opened, with more than 20 of his own parks modelled on it worldwide, he told a Times correspondent that though The Times and Parliament had called it stupid - and the More recently he consoliaccusation still rankled - he dated his efforts on Longleat knew he was right to go ahead. But it was finally his wife who

**ALAN SNUDDEN** 

convinced him. He leaves his widow, Rose,

Europe with their family and it was fair to keep animals in | Cornelius Marshall Spilat, fine art dealer, died aged 85 on April 11, 1990. He was born on

August 30, 1904. MARSHALL Spink, as he was

known throughout the international art market or "Robin" to his many friends, was a well known old master expert based in the West End of London for more than 50

He was educated at the Leys School, Cambridge, and afterwards spent several years in Neachatel Switzerland learn-ing French and exploring the culture of Europe. He was a a strort period in New Zeah before returning to England where he joined Spink and Son in the coin department. However, he soon realised that his real inerest les in fine old master paintings, so in the early 1930s he left the family firm and set up his own art gallery in the West had of

London. Over the next 50 years, Marshall Spink became widely known in interactional art circles and helped to build. up important collections in museums around the world. Spink had an excellent eye for pictures and on many occasions spotted important paint-ings which were previously unattributed. His discoveriover 50 years were nemerous and included four Rem-

brandts, a Raphael a Tin-toretto and a Bosch. In the early 1950s he acquired a complete Tiepolo seifing which was dismantled and later reassembled at a new site. On one occasion he discovered a Rembrandt still 16 painting in a small country house sale. He had arrived after the viewing had finished but persuaded the caretaker to let him in to see the pictures as he had travelled some distance and the sale was taking place the following morning. Borrowing a stepladder and

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later research proved his stand the picture was established as a lost work by the sonster. On another occasion he was invited to the owners of a New

Saudden was educated a If orders yet to be delivered Shooters Hill School. He are included, Monarch's fleet served as an RAF officer today totals more than 20 between 1948 and 1956, and on leaving the service joined Boeing 737s and 757s, and the Dan-Air, another leading British charter airline, until he went to Monarch in 1979.

Alan John Alfred Snudden, British register, was delivered CBE, Chairman and Manag- to Monarch's base at Luton Airport earlier this week. A handing-over ceremony that had been planned, with senior Airbus Industrie executives, including the President of the European manufacturing con-sortium, Jean Pierson, due to attend, was cancelled on the news of Sundden's death.

troduced a new deal for the package holiday traveller. In contrast to the many When he became Managing Director of Monarch Airlines flamboyant personalities in the British charter arrine business, Alan Smudden was dif-fident and retiring avoiding in 1979, second-band aircraft and indifferent standards of in-flight service were common in this sector of aviation in . in an industry which theives.

on it. At air shows such as Famborough and Paris, he could have been mistakes for Sandden took the view that holidaymakers deserved as a casual aircraft spotter, rather good a deal as those flying on than a senior aviation executive with millions of dollars to spend on sircraft, engines, and serospace equipment. He was a highly-respected figure in the British aviation industry and his views were same time, he introduced a high level of cabin service, with well turned-out

greatly valued. They were based on 35 years experience in the volatile charter sector, during which period that sec airline to prosper and expand for progressed from pistonat a time when the charter engined aircraft sector was reporting computersed jets.

the latter wide-bodied type of He leaves a widow and two airliner, the first to go on the sons and two daughters.

torch he noticed high in the corner of one of the rooms a dark canvas which he see-pected to be by Rembrandt. After purchase and cleaning

publicity as much as possible

York that to look at their pictures. Among their paintings he again found an oil painting thry and over varmed that he suspected could be by J. M. W. Turser, but there was little to suggest that it had much importance. He repressed permission from the owner to bring it to London NO CHESTORY AND TUTTIES IN vestigation: As so many times before he was excited by what he found. Soink said at the time: "It has proved to be the

He is survived by his wife Grace and three daughters and one son, John, who is carrying on the family tradition as a

biggest thrill of my life, a

rediscovered masterpiece. It is

Turner's Dream of Venice."

## specialist dealer in fine Eng-lish watercolours.

75: Sir Michael Atiyah, mathematician, 61: Sir Christophe Ball, former warden, Keble Coll-ege, Oxford, 55; Mr Alan Bond, company chairman and yachts-man, 52; Mr Peter Bowring, former chairman, C T Bowring, 67: Mlie Yvette Chauvire, balle rina assoluta, 73; Mr George Cole, actor, 65; Mr Alan Dukes, leader, Fine Gael Party, 45; Dr Eric Fenby, composer, 84; Mr Lloyd Honeyghan, boxer, 30.

## Service

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 14, 1990, beton, son of the Rt Hon David Waddington and Mrs Waddington, and Miss Valerie Morley, daughter of Mrs Lillian How-son, of Scarborough, at St Mary's Parish Church, Mr Douglas Clarke presided.

The marriage took place on Wednesday, April 18, between Mr Martin Raymond Eardley Stansfeld, of New York, and Miss Monica Ann Joseph, of Youngstown, Ohio, at the Church of St Paul the Apostle,

## dinners

London Scattish

The annual reunion dinner of all ranks of the 1939/45 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the London Scottish, TA, was held last night at Regimental Head-quarters, 95 Horseferry Road.

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Major S F N Lalor, Com-mander, 3 Squadron Honour-able Artillery Company, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Armoury House. Colonel I C Irvine and Colonel M S H Ring were the principal guests and Mr N W E Boden

1109, Canterbury, 1109; Peter Abelard, theologian, Chalonsur-Saône, 1142; Henry VII, reigned 1485-1509, Richmond, Surrey, 1509; Jean Racine, dramatist, Paris, 1699; Prince Eugene of Savoy, soldier and statesman, Vienna, 1736; David Mallet, poet, London, 1765; Mark Twain, Redding, Connecticut, 1910; Samuel R Crockett, novelist, Avignon, 1914; Man, novelist, Avignon, 1914; Man-fred von Richthofen (the Red Baron), German air fighter, shot down, 1918; Eleanora Duse, actress, Pittsborgh, 1924; Rob-ert Bridges, Poet Laureate 1913-30, Chilswell, Kent, 1930; John Maynard, Kenter Barnes Maynard Keynes, Baron Keynes, economist, Tilton, Somerset, 1946; Sir Stafford Cripps, statesman, Zurich, 1952; Sir Edward Appleton physicist, Nobel laureate 1947 Edinburgh, 1965; François Duvalier, president of Haiti 1957-

DEATHS: John Tradescant. Unlike all other plants traveller and gardener, London. 1662; James Hargreaves, mventor of the spinning jenny, Nottingham 1778; John Crome, landscape painter, Norwich, 1821; Thomas Rowlandson, caricaturist. London, 1827.

## The Green Howards

## ALL NOTES DE LA COMPANION DE L

## Squatters ruin an ideal relationship

FOR auts living in the tropical the Carara Biological Reserve. rainforests of Costa Rica, fate in Costa Rica, she found a delivers some cruel blows, but none is crueller than a newly discovered predator - a small beetle that literally eats the ants out of house and home.

The beetle's strategy, disclosed by Deborah Letourneau of the University of California in the April 13 issue of Science (vol 248, pp 215-217), is to exploit a subtle symbiosis between the ants and the plants in which they nest.

The drama takes place in the tropics of Costa Rica, where "treelets" called piper plants often house colonies of ants. These creatures hollow out chambers for themselves inside stems and convert whole plants into apartmentlike condominiums. The domestic arrangement

is cosy: the ants import grassy nutrients and keep herbivores and weeds away from the plants and, in return, the plants provide the ants with shelter and food. Conveniently for the ants, the food comes as special pre-packed "food bodies" (cells engorged with protein and fats) that the plant secretes from the walls of the living chambers.

known to house ants, however, piper plants feed their ants on a strict supply and demand basis. If a plant is deserted by the colony, it stops producing food bodies and only starts again when the ants reinvade.

This implies that the ants emit a "coded" chemical message that instructs plant cells inside the chambers of

the piper plants to grow into food bodies.

population of plants without ant colonies which still pro-

duced food bodies. The chambers were found to be inhabited by beetle larvae. Instead of relying on their usual fare of live auts, the young beetles consect the plants to produce tood bothes by impersonating the ants' coded messages.

Ants find it hard to recision their homes once they are occupied by squaring been. Any ants attempting eviction suffer grievous injury or death in the beetles' powerful jawa. The paper planes fare only marginally better. For, unlike ants, the squatting beetles offer no protection from other.

Youngman continue as head herbivores and the plant homes fall into a state of

delapidation. in contrast to Letourneau's anti-social beetle larvae, all other organisms known to exploit special relationships between plants and insects do so strictly by mimicry. For example, flowers that are pollinated by insects offer nectar to tempt their visitors. However, some flowers

manage to affract insects even though they produce no nectar: these franchient flowers achieve this by passing themselves off, in appearance, as genuine nectar-producing flowers. By the time the insest lands among the petals expecting a reward, the flower has been pollinated and the insect short-changed. Judging from the ant colonies of Costa Rica. however, it seems that mineicry is not the only way to

### School news

Churcher's College Summer term begins at Churcher's College on Tuesday, April 24. Sports Day will be held on Friday, May 11. The Old Churcherians Club London Dianer is to be held at the East India Chub on Friday, May 4 and the club will play the 1st XI is the annual Cricket Match on Sonday, July 1. Open Day and the Summer Ball are to be held the Summer Ball are to be teed on Saturday, June 30 and term ends on Friday, July 6.

King William's College, Isle of Man Summer term commences on April 20. David Solly continues as Head of School and Winifred Canan is Senior Girl. Michael Craine is Captain of Cricket. The Commencention Service is on Sunday, June 24, and The Rev Professor G Rowell, Chaplain of Keble College, Oxford, is the preacher. On June 26 the College XV depart for Singapore on their "World Tour". The Old Pupils' Dinner and end of term are on July 4. are on July 4

Moveton Hall, Shr The school reassembles for the and second prefect. Jemma Pract is captain of tennis, Charlotte. Staart-Mills captain of cricket and Lucy Barren captain of swimming. The Bishop of Shawabury will canduct a screen vice of confirmation in St Oswald's Charch, Oswestry, on Eriday, May 4. Haif-term will be from May 26 to May 30. The sixth form leavers' ball will be hald as home 22 and therefore. beld on June 23 and Parents
Weekend on July 7 and 3, at the
end of which, following a service
of thanksgiving term will dose.
The Development Appeal and
stands at £200,000. The Musgrave Centre for the performing arts is due for completion at the

Wycliste Collega,
Gloucestershire
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HOLY TRINITY, Soane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Rev K: 4.30, 12.10 HC 8.30. 12.10 HG: 10.30 S EUCH. Rev K L Yales.
ST ALBAN'S. Brooke St. ECI: 9.30 SM: 11 HJM. Missa Sancti albani (Kirby). Deum Transisset Sabbatum (Taverner). Preb Gasketi: 5.30 LM. ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT. Smithfield. ECI 9 HG: 11 M. Boyce in A. Jubliate (Blow). Christus resurpens (Lassus): 6.30 E. Stanford in G. Haccides (Glyrd). The Rector.
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Pridmore. more: MARYS, Bourne Street, SW1; 9. 5. 7 LM: 11 HM, Mass for three ces (Byrd), Fr M Shier; 6.15 E & Voices (Byrd). Fr M Shier; 6.15 E & SB.

SH. MARYLEBONE. Marylebone Road, W1: 6 HC: 11 Choral Eoch, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Dic poble. Maria (Beasano), Dr T Martin: 6.30 E. Rev I Brown.

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THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7. 8, 9, 10, 11 M. Missa Panse Marceli (Pelestrina), Victimae Pascali (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7 M: 3.30 V&B, Lestentur caeli (Byro), ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Piace: 11 SM. Troksiene Messe Solemeille (Gullmant), Regina coell lactare (Serene), Pugue on a Theme of Hands (Codimant).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 MM. Missa Brevis in G Clayda), Jublishe Deo (Mozart), Ave Verum (Goundon, 12.15, 6.30 MM. OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W3: 8.30, 10, 11.15, 12.30, 6.30 LM.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, FARISON. Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Altison.

CITY TEMPLE. Holborn. ECI: 11 Rev E Waugh: 6.30 Mr B Harrley.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, Ring's Road. SW3: 11 Mr G Franklin: 6 Rev M Braddy.

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(Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.80 Rev C Rowe, WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Bucking-ham Cate.SW1: 11. 6.30 Rev Dr R T

Kendall. WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDIS (Qualiers), 82 St Martins LA. WCZ: 11. Meeting for worship.

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#### **Anniversaries**

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Today BIRTHS: Jan van Riebeeck, naval surgeon, founder of Cape Town, Culemborg, The Nether-lands, 1619; Friedrich Froebel, educator, Oberweissbach, Ger-many, 1782; Charlotte Bronte, Thornton, Yorks, 1816; Sir Herbert Barker, manipulative sur-geon, Southport, 1869; Henri de Montherlant, novelist and dra-matist, Paris, 1896.

DEATHS: Saint Anselm, archbishop of Canterbury 1093-1109, Canterbury, 1109; Peter

BIRTHS: Henry Fielding, novelist, Sharpham Park, Somerset, 1707; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Kouigsberg, Germany, 1724; James Grahame, poet, Glasgow, 1765; Phil May, cartoonist, Wortley, Yorks, 1864; Lenin, Ulyanovsk, 1870; Vladimir Nabokov, novelist, Leningrad, 1899; Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, Higher Walton, Lancs, 1912.

71. Port-au-Prince, 1971.

Service luncheon

Brigadier M A Atherton, Dep uty Colonel of The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment), presided at the annual luncheon for officers and their ladies held yesterday at Queen's

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ARTHUR - On April 20th, to Karen (née Ford) and Jona-than, in Symbey, Australia, a nesutiful daughter, Procita Lucy, a sister for Nicholas.

BAKTER - On April 11th, in Rinteln. To Helen (née Feberty) and Philip, a daughter, Gilvia Helen Lund, a eister for Patrick. GERRY - On April 20th, at Queen Charletie's Hospital. Hammerstrath, to Floor (née Charlet) and John. a son. Allstair John Donaid. Monica (née Torry) and Antiony, a daughter, Frances Rose.

COMPTON - On April 18th, to Caroline and Jonethan, a son, Edmand Alfred Henry. gerkeson - On April 18th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Sushmi and Edward, a daughter, Jade, a stater for Harvey. mason - On Easter Sunday, at Queen Mary's, Rocksampton, to Hisary (the Freenant) and Johnobe, a son, a brother for Sarah and bast brother for Luin and Roste.

JESSEL - On April 17th, to Sail tole Pertridge) and Alastair. 2 son, Thomas George William. in London, to Sarah and Adam, a son.

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MARSHALL - On April 17th

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MASS - Cm April 16th, in New York to David and Lucy (née. hitcheil-innet), a daughter, sobel Christine Daphne, a sister for Josephine.

Schools - On April 11th 1990. to Mariette and Nicholss. a. daughter. Philops Katherins. a sister for Schoolse. SCOTT - On Auril 19th, to Victoria (nee Ferrand) and Thomas, a son, James, a brother for Laura. SMARP - On April 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Arm one Hussey) and Alastair, a daughter, Alexandra Imbel Am.

SPENCER - On March 2nd 1990, to Floor (née Rigg) and Tissoby, à son, James Charles John. THOMAS DAVIES - On April 10th, to Lizzie (née Pen) and Hugh, a son, Charles Benja-nin, Grateria thanks to the standard of the Company.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

PAVED GALKES to Edith Fibrich, in Hamburg on April 21st 1965. Still living in Hong Kong. With much love. Astrid. Sylvin, Julia and Sandra.

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SOMEWARDS - On April 19th, peacefully at home. Bertaro Maniguesty. 2001. 79. Funeral at St Mary's Church Liften, on Tausains/ April 26th at 2.30 pm.

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Even when it was evident that the American-backed invasion of Cuba had been bungled, President Kennedy was pledging liberty for the country. In the event the Bay of Pigs disaster merely strengthened Fidel Castro's grip on Cuba.

"TOTAL VICTORY" CLAIM BY DR. CASTRO

From Our Own Correspondent

MEN YORK, APRIL 20 The small rebal force which invaded Cube last Sunday has been dispersed by the Cuban Army, and what is left of it has taken to the Excambray mountains to carry on a guerrilla campaign sgainst the Castro regime. Revolutionary leaders said today that the fight would go on. Both sides have acknowledged heavy losses in the fighting, but neither has given

figures.

Dr. Castro, the Cuban Prime mercenary forces, it continued, mercenary forces, it continued, "after suffaring numerous casualties in dead and wounded, dispersed completely in a swampy region from which no escape is possible. A large quantity of arms of Amrican manufacture was captured, including varifurther landings on the island soon.
The majority of rebel troops have still not been brought into the attack.
Cuban exiles in the United States are their mission, the joining up of the invaders with rebel bands in the hills. has been successfully accomplished, but there is no doubting that they have sustained a heavy defeat.

The plan to secure an early beachhead and set up a revolutionary Government in opposition to Dr. Castro has had to be abandoned, and the hope of initiating an immediate popular revolt within the island has

been proved false ... the first attack. Was this the original A statement issued by the Cuban intention and was it changed by the national revolutionary council said last night that there had been "tragic last night that there had been "tragic losses" in yesterday's fighting among a small holding force "which courageously fought Soviet tanks and artillery while being attacked by Russian Mig aircraft" and which allowed most of the landing force to reach the mountains. The statement confirmed that the landing was to be discovered that only a few hundred had carried out the invasion? Or had it always been planned that the first landing would be small, with the principal object of satting off an internal revolt, and that the remains troops would be used for a decisive blow when the Cuban Army was fully occupied?

numbered by hundreds and not thousands, as some reports have said. thousands, as some reports have said.

A rebel broadcast, monitored by exiles in Miami today, and claiming to come from "Radio Escambray, somewhere in Cuba", said that the liberation forces had now joined with other rebel forces already fighting in the mountain area. The rebel radio said that the communist equipment used by Dr. Castro's Army had taken a toll on casualties "but not of such magnitude as to stop the liberation forces from accomplishing their

mission.

A statement read over Havana radio today, claiming total victory over the invaders, said that the Cuban Army and militia had overrun the invaders' last position at Giron Beach, at Cochinos Bey, last night. The broadcast, which was attributed to Dr. Costro, admitted that the to Dr. Castro, admitted that the Cuban forces had suffered many casualties but said that they had, in less than 72 hours, destroyed the army "which was organized over many months by the imperialist Government of the United States". The statement said that some raiders had tried to escape by sea but their boats had been sunk by Cuban aircraft. The remainder of the mercenary forces, it continued,

bravely saying that the first part of our Sberman beavy tanks ...
their mission, the joining up of the ... The exiles fears that Monday's investion was precipitate have been well justified. A reason is being found mainly in the lack of coordination among the leaders of the revolu-tionary organization fal.

Many exiles in Miami were under the impression for the first two days that all, or nearly all, the available amed rebels—perhaps some 5,000 of them—had gone into the island in the first attack. Was this the original revolutionary council when it was discovered that only a few hundred

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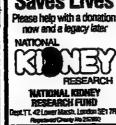
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 A delightful surprise crops up tonight in the normally barren Saturday evening schedules. The idea behind Video Diaries (BBC2, 8.35pm) - that it is possible to give a camera to an amateur and expect them to come up with something worthwhile - seems precarious but, at least in part one, the commission has paid off handsomely. Robert Wilson, a young writer living in Oxford, returns to his home town Belfast to paint a video portrait of the city. Nominally a Catholic, he enlists a Protestant accomplice,



Robert Wilson: hilarious home video moments (BBC2, 8.35pm)

another young writer called Glenn Patterson, to share the duties behind and in front of the lens and collaborate on a definition of Irishness. The pair complement each other perfectly: while both are full of eloquence, intuition and, in the right places, inarticulacy, Wilson plays frowning straight man to Patterson's ironic comedian. What emerges is a work that is personal without being merely idiosyncratic: their affection for the city, and their anger at what it has been reduced to, are intelligently expressed. There are some hilarious homevideo moments when the literary lads lark about, and when they come up with a good phrase in front of the camera they make no effort to hide their pleasure. The film even has a happy ending. Highly recommended.

• It is not often you come across a programme in which George Melly is the least mannered participant. Gallery (Channel 4, 6.30pm), which returns for a fourth run, is such a programme, Compered by Melly, two teams of three artists compete to identify paintings and then discuss them. But the real works of art are the wardrobes, hairdos and overall self-presentation of the competitors, who smoke languidly, model lurid shirts and generally bring a welcome bohemian touch to the squeaky-clean environs of the television studio.

● Mapantsula (Channel 4, 10.00pm), in the Film on Four International slot, was filmed in Soweto and deals with the apartheid. It tells the story of a carefree petty criminal whose attitude changes when he is flung into prison and made to meet men convicted for so-called political crimes.

This column ought to mention the World Snooker Championships (BBC), from 1.05pm/BBC2, from 6.10pm), introduced by the two Davids (Vine and Icke), at some point during its long occupation of the screen. The show enters its second week and the balls-onbaize action hots up now that the lesserknown players have been eliminated.

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Tonbridge, a harpist from
London, an illusionist from St Albans,
a dance trio from Warley and a
singer from Ilford. The special guest
is singer Gary St John of
Sheffield, a winner from the previous
series

7.20 Three Up, Two Down. Michael Elphick and Angela Thoma strike sparks in Richard Ommanney's comedy about incompatible in-laws who are forced to flat-share.

who are forced to fan-share.
Tonight, romance blossoms between
Sam and Rhonde, but Rhonde
has suspicions about Daphne. With
Vicki Woolf (r). (Ceefax)
7.50 Film: The Case of the Notorious
Num (1986) starring Raymond Burr.
The outsize Perry Mason is asked
to investigate a possible case of
embazztement from a church. embezziement from a church. Then a priest is murdered and Perry

Then a priest is murdered and Perry has to defend a young nur who stands accused. His investigations uncover corruption in high places. Directed by Fion Satio!

9.25 News with Martyn Lewis. Sport and weather

9.45 Casualty: A Grand in the Hand. Well-acted hospital drama starring Oscar-wirming Brends Fricker as a Vallum-addicted nurse. Tonight Dr Perry is concerned about building site safety when a construction worker arrives in cassualty.

atte satety when a construction worker arrives in casualty covered in bitumen. With Derek Thompson, Joe McGann and Tam Hoskyns (r). (Ceefax)

10.35 Paramount City. Stand-up comedy and music introduced by Arthur Smith. Tonight's guests include Steve Coopan, Mario Joyner and Rachel Beroer

include Steve Coogen, Mario Joyner and Rachel Berger

11.15 Film: The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia (1981) starring Dennie Quald, Kristy McNichol and Mark Hamill. A young man heads towards Nashville in his old camper truck, accompanied by his teenage sister, who dreams of turning him into a country make star. Engaging drama. country music star. Engaging drama with attractive leads and jaunty songs. Directed by Ronald F. Maxwell

## TENERAL CHIENCEL **6.00 TV-am** begins with News read by Elieen Marino followed by Good Morning Moments presented by Ulrika Jonsson **7.00 WAC** 60.

Entertainment for children

Entertalment for children
presented by Michaela Strachan and
Mike Brosnan

B.25 Chost Truin. The return of the
popular children's tolevision show
presented by Paul J. Medford,
Sabra Williams, Frances Dodge,
Gerard and Nobby the Sheep.
This morning's programme includes
musc from Paula Abdul, Adam
Ant and Indecent Obsession; Skull, a
ghostly new game show; and ghostly new game show; and cartoon fun with Bugs Bunny and the Real Ghostbunters

11-30 The ITV Chart Show. The vintage

video slot features ABC 12.30 Nucleabury Firm and file Friends. The first of a new naries based on Mark Twein's classics Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer.
This week Tom Sawyer is having a bad day — Aunt Polly catches him stealing jam, he plays truant and gets into a fight. Starring Sammy Snyders and lan Tracey

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter, Weather

1-10 Saint and Greaveie. Ian St John
and Jimmy Greaves introduce
highlights of fast week's games
as promotion and relegation issues
are close to being decided and
launch this year's Goal of the Seaso
commetting

competition

1.40 Sportsmasters. Dickie Davies presentations. Dickle Davies presents the first semi-final of the specialist sports quiz

2.10 Coronation Street. Omnibus edition of Wednesday's and Friday's

episodes

3.05 Metiock: The Hucksters. The brilliant but unlikely Atlanta lawyer defends an engry investor accused of killing a cosmetic cream comman. Starring Andy Griffith

4.05 Katts and Dog. American police series starring Rin Tin Tin III 4.35 Cartoon Time

4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby

4.45 Results Service Williams. 5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 5.05 LWT News and

weather 5.05 LWT News and weather substed by Mark Walker 5.45 Steel. Computer quiz game hosted by Mark Walker 5.46 Baywatch: Muddy Waters. Glossy drama series about California lifeguards. (Teletext) 6.40 Davro. Sketches, songs and impressions from the man of meny faces, Bobby Davro 7.10 You Bett. This week's programme features a climber who builds her own mountain, a speed hairstylist and a heficopter pilot who likes puzzles. Bruce Forsyth is joined by sporting stars Trevor Brooking and Sean Kerly and actress Carman Silvera for the last show in the present series 5.10 Film: The Talking of Flight 847 (1987) starring Lindsay Wagner, Laurie Walters and Joseph Nasser, A made-for-television drama based on the infamous TWA Athens-London flight which was blicked to Reint in 1985

Nasser. A made-for-television drama based on the infamous TWA Athens-London flight which was hijacked to Beirut in 1985.
Directed by Paul Wendkoe

10.00 News and sport followed by weather 10.15 LWT Weather

10.20 Aspel and Company. Michael Aspel is joined by the Princass Royal, violinist Nigel Kennedy and writer and actor Michael Palin

11.05 Tour of Duty: Roadminner. Drama series about a group of raw US Army recruits on a tour of duty in Vietnam. Tonight Zeke is unhappy when his troop is ordered to rescue men from a valley so heavily defended it could be a suicide mission. Starring Terence Knox

12.05 are Fam: The Belsy (1977) starring Laurence Olivier, Katharine Ross and Robert Duvall. Power and intrigue within the Detroit car industry spanning five generations of a dynasty founded by old man Hardeman (Olivier). Based on Harold Robbins' bestseller, its obvious melodrama and trashiness are well translated to bestseller, its obvious melodrama

the big screen. Directed by Daniel Petrie 2.29 Throb. American comedy series set in a recording company (r)
2.50 Family Mad. Wacky sporting antics set to original rock music

3.50 World Skid Championships 1989.
Highlights of last year's World Alpine
Skid championships from Vall and
Beaver Creek, Colorado. Followed by
Mayor begittings News headline News neadines
4.95 The Hit Man and Her. Disco
sounds from Britain's club circuit,
introduced by Pete Waterman and
Michaela Strachan
5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne
Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

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Paratrooper 5.45 Katts and Dog 6.15-6.40 The
Campbels 11.05 Film: Builti 1.055 Sam Film: Tender Is,
the Night 2.35 America's Top Ten 4.05-2.05 Twiaght
Zone.

## ( : BBC 2 - - . 6.50 Open University 2.45 Mahabharat. Episode two of the

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode two of the 91-part drama based on the Indian epic poem starring Rishabh Shukla and Kiran Juneja. In Hindi with English subtitiles

3.25 Film: All 1 Desire (1953, b/w) starring Barbara Starnwyck, Richard Carlson and Lyle Bettger. A woman returns to see her daughter graduate from school 10 wears graduate from school, 10 years after she abandoned both her and her husband. She intended to

her husband. She intended to only stay for a short time but...
Barbara Stanwyck is outstanding in this moving melodrama. Directed by Douglas Sirk

4.40 Film: The Tamished Angels (1957, b/w) starring Rock Hudson, Robert Stack and Dorothy Moleco & Pours et al. Malone. A stunt-girl working as a dare-devil pilot for a flying circus is frequently neglected by her husband. Things become more complicated when a young reporter falls in love with her. The talented cast do little for this movie, which has a seemingly racy backdrop to a very predictable story. Directed by

Douglas Sirk
6.10 World Snooker (see Choice)
7.05 NewaView. Moira Sbusrt with
today's news and sport; Chris Lowe
reviews the week's news in

pictures with subtitles
7.50 World Snooker. More action from
the Crucible Theatre in Shaffleld, the
venue of the World Professional
Snooker championships
8.35 Video Diaries. (Ceetax) (see

Choice)

9.25 Playing Belfest. An awardwinning profile of Belfast, seen 
through the eyes of four artists 
who visited it during the city's 
festival in 1988. Jeremy Hardy, 
the attenuative comedian; Russian 
planist Nikolal Demidenko; Radio 
2 presenter Brian Matthew and RSC 
actor Roger Walker all provide us 
with their perceptions of what many 
people would describe as 
Britain's most troubled city (r)

10.03 World Sneokar. The latest action 
from the Crucibla Theams in 
Sheffield, introduced by David 
Vine

12.05am Film: Those Eyes, That Mouth (1982) starring Lou Castel and Angela Molina. A strong drama about Glovanni, an actor who tries to conceal his brother's suicide. which was prompted by a break-up with his flances. He then finds himself in an agonizing dilemma when he becomes attracted to the girl in question. The only way he can resolve the problem is but for in description, the only way to can resolve the problem is by forgetting the past, but can he really do this? Directed by Marco Bellocchio. In Italian with English subtitles. Ends at 1.45

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News and Sport 10.35 Sportscene 11.25 Paramount
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in Georgia 1.35 Weather WORTHEIM WELLAND
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and Her 4.05-5.05 Heat of the Night.
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3.55 American College Football 4.65-8.05 Max, the
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Maintenance Shop (John Mayalf).

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5.00 Comic Book. Cartoons 7.30 International Times — World News 8.00 Transmorld Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930 and 1940s 9.30 Consuming Passions: Swapment. Consuming Passions: Swapmeet A profile of three toy collectors.

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Subtitled (r)

10.00 Film: Umrao Jean (1981) starring
Rekha as a young girl who is sold
into prostitution, and then makes
good through the power of her
poetry, song and dance. Directed
by Muzaffar All, In Urdu with English

subtitles

12.40 Three Missing Links (1938, b/w)
Comedy capers starring the Three
Stooges. Directed by Jules White

1.00 Film: Spring in Park Lane (1948,
b/w) starring Ann Neagle and Micha
Wilding. Stylish romanitic comedy
about a woman who falls for her
millionaire uncle's formus.

about a woman who talk for her millionaire uncle's footman. Directed by Herbert Wilcox 2.45 Channel 4 Racing from Ayr. The 2.55, 3.25, 4.06 (William Hill Scottlet Grand National) and 4.40 races 5.05 Prookside (r). (Telefext) 6.00 A Comish Inheritance. Poet and historian A. L. Rowse returns to his peting Commell to unconter the

historian A. L. Rower returns to his native Comwall to uncover the chilhood memories and influences that have helped shape his life.

8.30 Gallery (see Choice)

7.00 The World This Week inchides a special report from Burns, made undercover because of the hun on foreign journalists; an exumination findo-Pakistan relations, and a look at a new paper on radem in

of Indo-Pakistan relations, and a look at a new paper on rectam in Europe Followed by Weather. Adventures: Stacking in the Say Cameraman/adventurer Leo Dickinson joined the Royal Marines in their efforts to break the world "stacking" record. This involved free fall paractutists in mid-air resting on too of each others.

world "stacking" record. This involved free fall parachutists in midair resting on top of each others' parachutes to make a stack of 24 (r)

8.00 thirtysomething: Michael's Campaign. Award-winning Junurican comedy drama about a group of friends who are all suffering, to some degree or other, from mid-30s angst. (Teletext)

10.00 Film: Mapantaula (1988) starring Thomas Mogotiane, Dolly Rathebe and Eugene Majois (see Choice)

11.86 On the Other Hand. Topics chat show, aimed primarily at an Aulan audience, presented by Shekhar Kapur and dealing tonight with the problems of gang violence among Britain's Asian communities

12.85am Film: The Beaut with Five Fingers (1946, b/w) starring Poler Lorre. A celebrated horror movie about a famous planist who dies, but his severed hand returns to avenge his death. Directed by Robert Fiorey. Ends at 2.35

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3.10 The Twight Zone 3.20 Wresting 4.05-5.08 His
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The Biggest Bank Robbery 4.18
4.45 Who's The Boss? 8.98 Northern Life Saturday
Special 11.05 Special Squad 12.05 am Film: Mr
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7.35 Tracey Ullman Show 8.00 News followed by Paul
McCartney 8.30 Who Profits the Drugs 16.30 The
Decalogue 17.35 Fitte Midnight Lace 1.20est Close.

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Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Blonic Woman 12.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00 pm Black Sheep Squadron 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 The Man From Atlentis 4.00 Chopper Squad 5.00 Love Boat 6.00 Film: Heaven on Earth 8.00 Murder in the First Person Singular 9.30 The Hitchhiker 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling '89 11.00 Sky World News of Wrestling '89 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Untouchables

**SKY NEWS** 

News on the hour.

5.00am Sky News 5.30 Motor Sports
News 6.30 Newsline 7.30 Beyond 2000

8.30 Frank Bough This Week 9.30
Roving Report 10.30 Motor Sports News
11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30pm Fashion
TV 1.30 Roving Report 2.30 Motor Sports
News 2.30 Cur World 4.30 Beyond
2000 5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30
Fashion TV 7.30 Roving Report 9.30
Entertainment This Week 10.30 Our World
11.30 Fashion TV 12.30mm The Best
of Target 1.30 Motor Sports News 2.30
Entertainment This Week 3.30 Those
Were The Days 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

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All films will be ecrembled

2.00 m Looking for Miracles: In the
1930s, a 16-year-old boy bluffs his way into
a job as a summer camp coursellor, to
earn money for his college expenses

4.00 Rockin' with Judy Jetson: Judy
Jetson attempts to save the world from the
avil Falonia who wants to bartish music
from the universe forever

6.00 Big (1988): A 13-year-old boy's
wish to be big is granted. With Torn Hanks

7.40 Entertainment Towlight

8.00 Beetlejuice (1988): A deceased
couple call on a bio-exorcist to rid their
house of its new living inhabitants

9.40 UK Top 10: Cinema films

10.00 Beat Seller (1987): A cop-turnedauthor (Brian Dennehy) is approached by an
ex-hit man (James Woods), who
promises him material for a best-seller

11.30 Breathless (1983): A car thief
goes on the run with a beautiful French
student after accidentally killing a
policeman. With Richard Gere

1.15am Bird (1988): Clint Eastwood's
screen biography of jazz musician Charlle
Parker. Starring Forest Whitaker

4.00 Junto: Unammed and Dangerona
(1985): Fred Ward as a cop with a new
identity, who is hired by the government
to root out crime. Ends at 5.55am

EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 9.00 BMX 9.30 Australian Rules Football 10.30 Goals 11.00 World Cup Football 12.00 Ica Hockey: West Germany v Czechoslovakia
2.00pim Golf 4.00 Trans World Sport
5.00 Surfer Magazine 5.30 Trax 6.00 Ice
Hockey: USA v Sweden 8.00 Boxing:
Giantfranco Rossi v Kevin Daget; Gilbert Dele
v Carlos Redondo 10.00 Amstel Gold Cycling 11.00 Golf: Madrid Open

6.00mm Non-Stop Pure Pop 9.30 US top 20 Countdown 11.00 Yol 11.30 Wee In Rock 12.00 From Motown To Your Town 12.30pm Club MTV 1.00 Ray Cokes 4.30 XPO 5.00 The Big Picture 5.30 Party Zone 7.30 Kristiane Backer 9.00 Another Part of Me 9-30 Kristiane Backer 10.00 Saturday Night Live 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 The Making of Thriller 11.30 Malken Wexo 2.00am Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.00am Polo World 1.30 Sport on France 2.00 Pro Box 3.30 Rugby League 5.00 Gott 7.00 Wide World of Sport 8.30 US Pro Ski Tour 9.00 Reliveross 10.00 Motor Racing 12.00 Argentinian Football 1.00pm los Hockey 3.00 Drag 6.00 Hippodrome 6.30 Powersports 7.30 Ice Hockey 9.30 Pro Box 11.00 Argentinian Football 12.00 Railycross

LIFESTYLE

2.00 Jason of Star Command 12.30pm The Secrets of Isls 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 McKeever and the Colonel 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night 6.00 The Sell-e-Vision Shopping Channel

4.30 Science Now: In the course

to invent a device to

5.00 Conversation Piece (r)
5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news.

With Sally Grace, Russell
Davies and Royce Mills (r)
5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.50 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s)

6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (8) 7.10 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson

in pubs and clubs around the country
7.45 Saturday Night Theatre:
Bequest to the Nation, by Terence Rattigan. The story of Admiral Lord Nelson's love affair with Lady Hamilton. With Slân Phillips as Emma Hamilton, Michael Bryant as Nelson, Anna Massey as Lady Nelson and Alan Lake as Capt Hardy (s)

(r) 9.15 Music in the Mind: Brian

Alan Lake as Capt Hardy (s)

in pubs and clubs around

of eight days, six engineering students at Sheffield University attempt

Full information on satalitie TV programmes is available in the weekly megazine, TV Guide.

## Whiff of Dallas at Westminster

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

● Talking Politics (Radio 4. 11.00am) gives television's Peter Sissons his first platform on radio, and he sounds to me as if he is standing four-square on the boards. Final judgment must, however, wait for him to get to grips with something less tractable than the televising of Parliament, over which whiff of showbusiness still hangs. Confirmation of the latter comes in Speaker Weatherill's disclosure that the fan mail he receives from the United States speaks of "MP-TV" being as addictive as Dallas, and in Tory backbench MP Emma Nicholson's observation that her colleagues are now looking fresher, cleaner and tidier than they have ever looked before. Even Dennis Skinner, she opines, looks as if he had gone out and bought an ironing board. The foregoing elicits what sounds suspiciously like a chuckle from Mr Sissons an event almost as historic as Parliament.



Peter Sissons: first platform on radio (Radio 4, 11.00am)

 Hancock's Last Half-Hour (Radio 3, 10.50pm) is Heathcote Williams's not so fanciful journey through the brain of the self-destructing comedian. If you are not quite certain what black comedy is, Williams's short play - practically a monologue - will make everything horribly clear, as will the miasma that seeps out of Richard Briers's Hancock and fills every corner of the hotel bedroom in Sydney in which death had the last laugh ... Also recommended: Verdi's Macbeth (Radio 3, 7.30pm), live from the London Coliseum, in the arrival of cameras in Jeremy Sams's new English translation.

#### WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16 STUDDLE (a) A post or prop, from the OE stodia: "In Herland ion the poine was beard 55 and 60 fathous deep, as if a leads were set a renning." CHINAMPA

consisting of a wooden raft covered with earth, from the

Nahuati *chinamiti* a raft: Covered with aquatic

plants, the chinampas of the Mexican lakes resemble

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floating meadows." SALLENDERS (a) A dry scab skin disease affecting the hocks of horses, from the French solandre, of obscure origin: cures the Scratches, will cure both the Mallenders and the Sallenders." (c) The native name for the floating gardens formerly used on the lakes of Mexico. ZAC

(c) Australian slang for a small coin, formerly 6d, now a five-cent piece, probably from the Scottish sarpence. It was the first time I got the notion I was worth a zac to апуопе."

#### RADIO 1

S.OOem Gery King 7.00 The Brung and Liz Breekfast Show

10.00 Dave Lee Travia 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Compleat Collins 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Andy Peobles Soul Train 9.30 The "Save the Earth" Concert: James Taylor, Patti Austin and Lee Ritenour hand an intermition of musicians for a unique concert taking place at Tokyo's Euroloum Hair 18.30 Victor Lawis-Smith 11.00-2.00mm The Sphintage Resident

#### RADIO 2

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4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00
Graham Knight 8.05 Sounds of the
Fitnes 9.00 Sounds of the
Sixtins 10.00 Anne Robinson
12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm
The News Huddlines 2.00 Robin
Ray on Record 3.00 Martin
Keiner 4.45 Nigel Ogden 5.00
Cinema 2 5.30 Pop Score (new
series) 6.00 The Musical World of
Vince Hill 7.00 String Sound Vince Hill 7.00 String Sound
7.30 Saturday Night Gala presents
An Evening of British Folk
Music 9.30 Thanks for the Memory
10.05 The Fladio 2 Arts
Programme 12.05 am Stars of the

#### Programme 12.05am Stars Socies: Luku 1.00-4.00 Nig **WORLD SERVICE**

All times in GillT. Add an hour for BST.
5.00mm News 5.09 24 Hours 5.30 Londres
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7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 News
9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The
World Today 9.30 Francial News; Sports
Roundup 9.45 World Brief 10.07 Here's
Humph 10.15 Letter from America 10.30
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Sir Terence Rattigan's Bequest to the Nation can be heard on Saturday-Night Theatre (Radio 4, 7.45pm)

#### RADIO 3

5.55mm Weather and Nows Nearther and News.
Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Verdi
(Overture, The Force of
Destiny: LSO under Claudi
Abbado); Grieg (Solveig's
Song "Peer Gynt": San
Francisco SO under de
Waart); Delius (Over the
Hills and Far Away: RPO
under Thomas Beecham)
7.30 News

under Thomas Beecham)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Beethoven (Overture, The
Cristianes of Promitheus:
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Karajan); G. Butterworth
[The Banks of Green Willow;
Bournemouth Sinfonietta
under del Mar); Liszt
(St. Francis of Assial
Preaching to the Birds:

Preaching to the Birds:
Alfred Brendell; Wagner (Dawn Music; Siegfried's Rhine Journey "Gotter dammerung": National Sounder Dorzil); Respighl (Suite, The Birds: Sun Francisco SC) protes Education SC) Francisco SU unitality
Waari)
8.35 Torleif Thedéen, cello,
Clifford Benson, pierro,
perform Schumann (Adaglo
and Allegro, Op 70);
Shostakovich (Sonata, Op
40); Martinu (Variations on a
Theme of Rossini) (r)
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9.30 Saturday Review with eview - Building a Library: dward Seckerson on Rachmaninov's Third Symptony: Amold Whittell on 20th-century works on disc 10.40 Record Relea Tippett (Ritual Dances "Midsummer Marriage": Soloists: Chorus of Opera hillharmonia under the composer); Robert Simpsor (String Quartet No 3: Delme String Quartet); Walton (A Song for the Lord Mayor's Table: Felicity Palmer, mezzo, John Constable, plano): Grainger (Suite, in a Nutshell: Martin Jones, plano); Britten (Cello Suite No 3: Torielf Thedeen); Rodrigo (Concierto de Aranjuez: Orpheus CO under Goran Sallscher,

guitar) 1.00pen News 1.06 Words: Part 2: And, Because, Therefore. Reflections by writer Gabriel Josipovici Eric Ball (1903-89): A tribula to the brass-band to the press-band composer. Britannia Building Society Band under Howard Snell performs Bail (March, Star Lake); Elgar, arr Ball (Overture,

2.00 Symanowski and Rachmaninov: The planist Caroline Palmer performs Szymanowski (Mazurkas, Op 50 Nos 13, 14, 15, 16); Rachmaninov (Variations or a Theme of Corell, Op 42) 2.30 A Consummate Conductor: Herbert von Karajan (1908-89): Part 4: The Moderns. Richard Outlome press

seven programmes. Serlin PO performs Debussy (La Mer); Schoenberg (Variations); Sibelius (Taplola): Honegger (Symphony No 3) Olibut: Pauline Lowbury, violin, Julius Drake, piam violin, Julius Drake, pieno, perform Enesco (Soneta, Op 6 No 2); Granados, an Krelsler (Danse espegnole)

5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Peter Cleyton

5.45 Critics' Forum: William Feaver, in the chair, with Gibert Adair, Marilyn Butler, Owen Dudley Edwards discuss 1953 by Craig Raine on Radio 3; Paul Mazursky's film Enemies; A Love Story, Constructions and Installations by Christian Eoliteniad at the Writechapel Gallery;

Whitechapel Gallery; Michael Frayn's Look, Look at the Aldwych Theatre; and Srign Moore's movel Lies of Silence 6.35 Couperin (Ordre No 24,

Book 4: Paul Nicholson, harpsichord) (r) 7.10 Harvest in Buseeto, by Gramma His. Edward de Sours reads an impromptu service from the harvesters to the Master, Gluseppe Vordi (\*)
7.30 Verdi's Macbeth: Live from the London Colsam. The first London stage production, by English National Opera Chorus Levete Martin Handley and

National Opera Chorus
under Martin Handity and
Harry Bicket, of the
complete 1865 Parts
version. Sung in a new
English translation by
Jeremy Sams. With the ENO
orchesins under Mark Eder.
Act 1 (see Choice) 8.20
Consultator Mark Eder and
producer David Pountney
talk about Maches? to
Jemes Nauchtle \$.35 Act 2 James Naughtle 6-35 Act 2 9.05 The difference between Shakespearu's and Vendi's Macbeth is considered by Jeremy Beadle 8-29 Acts 3 and 4 16-50 Studio 3: Hancook's Last

Half-Hour, by Heathcote Williams. With Richard Briers as Tony Hancock (r) (see Choice)
11.35 Ravel (Gaspard de la mir.
Philip Martin, piano) (r)
12.00 News 12.45 am Gross

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S.55 — Shipping Forecast
News Briefing; Weather
6.10 The Farming Weak
6.50 Prayer for the Day
6.55 Weather 7.00 Today,
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News 7.35, 8.20 Weather
8.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Bernard Falk

9.30 Breakaway: Bernard Falk and Nigel Coombs with holiday and travel news 10.00 Niws; Loose Ends: Nied Sherrin, with guests Richard Jobson, Arthur Smith and

Emma Freud (s)
11.00 News; Talking Politics (see Choice)
11.30 Europhile: Max Easterman presents the last adition in the series of the weekly magazine reflecting political magazine reflecting political life in Europe 12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby 12.25pm Just a Minutel: Nicholas

Parsons chairs the panel game. The contestants are Wendy Richard, Clement Freud, Peter Jones and Derek Nimmo (s) 12.56 Weather

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, with Lynds Chalker, MP, Minister for Overseas Development; Frank Dobson, MP, Ornosition Engrav Opposition Energy Spokesman; Lady Daphne Park; and Stuart Wair, editor of the New Statesman and Society (r) 2.00 News; Any Answers? 01-580 4411. Jonathan

Dimbleby takes listeners' calls on topics raised in this week's Any Questions?

2.30 Summer Of The Allens: Play by Louis Nowra. Australla in 1962. Reports of UFO sightings and the danger of communicity threat are being communist threat are being talevised. Meanwhile, young Lewis is facing a threat personal nature, that of adioloscence. With Lou Nowra as the adult Lowis

young Lewis (s)
3.45 Bella: Story by Shelagh
Stephenson, read by
Brenda Blethyn (s) (r) 4.00 Age to Age; In the lest programme in the series, Barry Cunliffe seeks the truth behind some of the myths surrounding historial events S. 15 Music in the Mind: Brian
Kay Jooks forward to
St George's Day
S. 50 Ten to Yen led by the Rev
Dr Leslie Griffiths P. 55
Weather
10.00 Naws
10.15 Listening in to History: June
Knox-Mawer meets Ruth
Mosters With tellies Magnus who talks about her wartime job monitoring the hotlina batween Churchill and Roosevelt (s)

10.45 Ottoman Adventure: Part 4: Turbes and Tombs, In a safe of eight recommender

series of eight programmes, novelist Joseph Hone continues his travels in Turkey. This week be goes in search of the Loggerhead turtie and an unde city on the shores of the 11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Richard Temple-Savage and Roger Hagger, orchestral players at the Royal Opera House, Covent

Garden (s) (r) 11.30 And Now, in Colour . 11.30 And Now, in Colour .
Comedy with Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandyck (s)
12.00-12.30 am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping
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1.55-2.00 pm Programme News
4.30-6.00 Options: 4.30 The Science of Sound (s) 5.00 Wordpower Writing 5.30 Deutsch Expressi

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Jasper Rees

• Shades of Alan Bennett cannot help but cast themselves over Single Voices (BBC1, 10.00pm), a new series of halfhour one-character playlets. In the first, Jason plays Vernon Duxley, a super-sound pharmaciat who, before setting up a video camera in his shop, decides to test it out. He duly tells his life story, in which the main character is a persistently The Chemist (A Love Story), David SKY MONES

STATE OF S which the main character is a persistently unfaithful wife. Jason turns in a polished performance, relishing the best lines: when Duxley's wife does not answer his midday phone call, he assumes she is beautifying herself in the bathroom: "I know the formula," he says, adopting the sidiom of his trade." idiom of his trade: excessive time in the bathroom equals adultery." One does sense that scriptwriter Roy Clarke, best known for the nudge-nudge gags of Last. of the Summer Wine, sometimes strives too effortfully after the perfect Bennettism, which is not to say that this poignant monologue is not highly watchable. Even confined to a tiny space Robert Knights, the director of large scale series such as Tender is the Nigh and The History Man, manages to find an interesting way of filming the play.

Also recommended: Jeeves and Wooster (ITV, 8.45pm), The Mana (Channel 4, 9.00pm) and The South Rank Show (ITV, 10,35pm).



Midday phone call: David Jason as Vermon Duxley (BBC1, 10.00pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

 Coincidentally, the week that sees.
 Mary Wesley's A Sensible Life topping the best-sellers list, also sees her receivine best-seners hat, also sees her receiving an accolade which some may say (with tongueless cheeks, moreover) is only marginally, less prestigious: she is the castaway in Desert Island Discs. (Radio 4, 12.15pm). Since she has spectacularly proved that, for the writer, life can begin at 70, she spends an mordinate amount of time this morning talking about death. She is, she says, looking forward to it, "to see what happens." Decease is not, however, the luxury-item she selects for her desertisland; this turns out to be Denis Healey. who makes her laugh at lot. What makes me laugh a lot is Frank Muir discussing The Oxford Book of Humorous Prose in Bookshelf (Radio 4, 7,30pm).

8.45 Open University
8.50 Playdays (c)
9.10 London's Marethon, Live
covarage from the 26-mile ADT.
London Marethon, in which
34,000 runners are due to take to the 34.000 runners are due to take to the streets. The commentators are David Coleman, Ron Pickering and Brandan Foster

12.10 This is the Day from the Easter People raily in Liandudeo

12.40 Loudon's liferation. With the serious competitors having completed the course, a cleance to see the fun runners

1.20 News with Moirn Street followed by On the Record, Shadon Education Secretary Jack Straw discusses Labour Party plans to improve Biltain's education system. Presented by Logarino Direbleby

2.20 EastEnders, On the Secretary Case (Ceefap)

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Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em.

Michael Crawford stars in this classic copiedy as the incompetent bet irrepressible Frank Specier (f) 4.06 large Brany in Roy Arthur's. 4.30 Europiaion Song Contest. First of two previews of this year's entries, introduced by Ken Bruce.

5.10 AB Our Children. The second of 12 programmes in which Judi Dench-studies the progress of sta.

revealing the contrasting care-patients and traditions. The series concentrates on the first two years of the babies' lives, telling their stories at a natural and interesting. # Cook and a cook and a cook and a cook and a cook at the cook at the cook season a fastions and Select Soot spends a traiting weekend in tural Yorkshire

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8.40 Songs of Publish from the eastern
hanger at SAF Sibratian. (Ceetax)

7.18 London's Marathon. Highlights
from today's ADT London Marathon

8.06 The Black Adder: The Queen of
Spelin's Beard. Colt comedy safes
stayring Rowen Addreson.
Tonight, our bowe hero, Edmund,
jumps at the chance to mairly
Europe's most eligible princess. With
Miriam Margolyes and Jim
Eroecbent (r). (Ceetax)

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subjects are Bridsh Inothall since
1865; the hotels of Evelyn
Waugh; the file and work of George
Stephensor; and the life and
times of Thomas Palne. Presented by
Magnus Magnusson from the
Firth Hall at the University of
Sheffield

8.06 News with Lachem Faracter

9.05 News with Afternal Buscic. 9\_90 That's Life! Gavin-Campbell

P. 10 Ther's Life! Gavin-Campbel hopes to complete the London Marathon before presenting tonight's edition of the consumer affairs selles to the consumer that the Caeco of God. Jenni Marray talks to four people with have accidentally been responsible for a major tragedy, even death. She talks to the social worker for Imbertay Carille, the four-year-old who was viciously murdered by her stepfather, and also hears the vivid recollections of a woman who killed a child while driving more than 15 years ago

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11.10 Wouldo Mark the times. Clands
Jackson presents this new six-pay)
series examining the problems
which women face on their return to
the workplace. Tonight she meets
a group of 150 who are preparing to
go tiack to paid employment and
sees how they are training for new
skills. (Ceefed)
11.33 Mahabharat. Episode two (r). In
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( Figure on ... 6.00 TV-em begins with an RSPB film

5.00 Allmain in Action 7.00
Dappledown Farm presented by
Brian Cant 7.55 Thought for Senday

6.00 Anne Diamond on Standay. The
guests include Ludovic Kennedy and,
reviewing the newspapers, Eve
Pollard and Lord St John of Fawsley

9.25 Film: Snowbell Express (1972)
starring Dean Jones, Nancy Clson
and Kethleen Cody. Part one of a
moderate Disney comedy about an moderate Disney comedy about an accountant from New York who escapes the city's rat race and heads for the Rockies. Directed by

Norman Tokar

10.15 The Cause III. Early Canadian adventures of pioneering Scottish family

10.45 Link. Sian Vasey reveals how technology can both help and hinder disabled people in the workplace

11.00 Morning Worship led by the Rev
Sincleir Horne of the Scottish
Reformation Society
12.00 Encounter: Tables in Cries. A
report on the work of Eather John
Fagan, a Roman Catholic priest
whose mission is to find foster
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12.55 LWT News and weather

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1.10 The Walden Interview with South African President F. W. de Klerk

2.00 McCloud: Top of the World, Mail Dennis Weaver stars as the New York City policemen who likes to think he is still in the wild west

3.15 Film: Gold (1974) starring Roger Moore, Susannah York and John Gielgud. Somewhere in the middle of his James Bond epics, Moore unfortunately found time to film this weak thriller about a South African mining engineer who exposes a conspiracy to increase the world price of gold. Directed by Peter Hunt

8.30 Bulliseye. Darts and general knowledge game show

8.00 Brave New Wilderness. A new series exploring land once used by industry which has now returned to nature

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8.30 News with Sue Carpenter.
Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather

8.40 Appeal by Sir David Steel on
behalf of the Irumgrant's Aid Trust.

(Oracle)

6.45 Highway, Sir Harry Secomba visits Stratford-upon-Avon

7.15 A Kind of Living, Gentle domestic comedy series starring Richard.
Griffiths. (Oracle)

7.45 Perfect Scoundrels. New comedy

drama series staming Peter Bowler
and Bryan Murray as a pair of
confidence tricksters. (Oracle)
i Jeeves and Wooster. Stephen Fry
and Hugh Laurie star in this new comedy senes based on P. G. Wodehouse's classic

characters. (Oracle)

8.46 News with Sue Carpenter.

Weather 10.09 LWT Weather Westmer 10.00 LW1 Westmer
10.05 Not With a Bang. Unusual
corredy about four people who
believe they are the sole survivors
of a nuclear disaster
10.35 The South Bank Show. Melvyn

Bragg in conversation with film maker Robert Altman
11.35 PGA Seriors Championahlp Final
12.05em Soap, More comic confusion with the Tates and Campbells (r)
12.35 The ITV Chart Show (r)

1.3.5 Fair: Out of Duty (1981) starring
Victor Lanoux, Jean Rochefort and
Maurice Biraud. Routine French
thriller about time police officers
who steal the money from a
ousted drugs haus. Directed by
Michel Vieney

3.20 Pick of the Week presented by

Shaims Lowry
3.50 Racing Yachts
4.00 American Documentary. How people with severe spinal cord injuries attempt to rebuild their lives. 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

C BBC 2

12.00 World Spooker from Sheffield's Crucible Theatre 12.30 Country File. John Craven introduces the award-winning documentary Breaking Through, which teatures Harnet Harrison, one

of Britain's top three-day event riders 12.55 Wenter 1.00 Open Advice. Students describe the arctistics they faced in their first year of an Open University course

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1.35 Grandstand prosessed by Stave
Rider. The line-up is (subject to
alteration): 1.30 and 5.10
Shookes from Sheffield: 2.00, 3.00
and 4.30 ice Hockey: the
Heinsten championship final: 2.40
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3.40 Rugby Union: Four Home
Unions XV v Rest of Europe XV
5.50 Rugby Special. Highlights of the
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The Money Programme. John
Peryodia exemines the effectiveness
of the City's regulatory structure
and Peter Jay talks to David Walker,
the chairman of the Securities
and Investments Board

7.15 The Meson Woold: Ice Pack. An

arctic summer with Canadian white wolves (r) 8.06 Washes Whiter. Part four of the history of television commercials (Ceefax)

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8.55 World Spooler from Shetfield

10.00 Feer The Killing Fields (1884).

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Sam Waterston and Haing
S. Ngor. An American journalist
teams up with a guide to operate
among the war-torn ruins of a.
Cambodian city. They are
welcomed with open arms when the
armies error but they soon
become targets for hatred. The film is
trighteningly vivid when execution
looks certain. Directed by Roland
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the Wheeled Warriors (r)
9.25 Spice. Eastern arts magazine
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Fairbanks, Alaska (r)
11.00 Booml (r) 11.30 Gophers! (r)
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3.55 Testament. John Romer goes in search of the origins of the Hebrew Bible (r)
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SATELLITE

Compiled by Peter Dear

and Gillian Maxev

8.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Refuge Assurance Cricket: Lancashire v Middlesex, from Old Trafford 6.00 Family Ties 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Aspen 10.00 Entertainment This Week 11.00 Sky News 11.30 The Big Valley

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

5.00mm Sky News 5.30 The Best of Target 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 Our World 6.30 Those Were the Days 9.30 Entertainment This Week 10.30 Challenge 11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30pm 48 Hours 1.30 Those Were The Days 2.30 The Lords 3.30 Our World 4.30 Challenge 5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 Cops 8.30 Those Were The Days 9.30 48 Hours 10.30 Challenge 11.30 Cops 12.30mm Those Were The Days 1.30 48 Hours 2.30 Entertainment This Week 3.30 Those Were The Days 4.30 Cops

SKY MOVIES

From 2.00am The Shopping Channel

All films will be scrambled
2.00pm Who Are the Debolts and
Where Did They Get 19 Kids? (1978):
Documentary about the Debolt family
4.00 September (1988): Six people
spend a weekend in a Vermont country
house. Directed by Woody Allen
6.00 Off Beat (1986): Judge Reinhold as
a librarian who meets a policewoman (Meg
Tilley) when he goes on the beat for a
friend
7.40 Projector: Movies on Sky

7.40 Projector, Movies on Sky 8.00 Att's Fair: Comedy in which a group of employees are invited to on a weekend of wargames by their chauvinistic boss 10.00 Salome's Last Dance (1988): Ken Russell's vision of a trip by Oscar Wilde to a brothel to watch a staging of his banned

play Salome 11.45 Mona Lisa (1986): An ex-convict (Bob Hoskins) is given the task of chauffeuring a high-class prostitute (Cathy Tyson) around town 1.45am Bliss (1985): An advertising 1.32am biss (1900): An advertising copywriter suffers a heart attack and is revived after being clinically dead for several minutes. His new outlook on life brings about some big changes. With

Barry Otto
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grossi, Op 6. Overture,
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under Pinnock); Suite in F
sharp minor, HfW 431
(Scott Ross, harpsichord);
Concerto grosso in D minor,
Op 6 No 10 (English
Concert under Pinnock)
7.30 News
7.35 Berlin Backgrounds (new
series): The first of four
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programmes in anticipation of Radio 3's Bertin Weekend in early May. C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in F. Wq 175 "Bertin, 1755"; C.P.E. Bach (C.) under Market Market

"Berlin, 1755": C.P.E. Bach CO under Herimut Haenchen); Mendelssohn (String Quartet); C.F. Zelter (Gesang und Kuss; Abschied "Berlin, 1789 and 1828": Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritoné, Aribert Reimann, forteckano); Busoni (Divertimento for flute and orchestra "Berlin,

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Collins): Vaughan Williams
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LPO under Adrian Boult):
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Chamber Orchestra of Budapest under Ferenc Szekeres), Afrén (Symphony No 3 in E Stockholm PO under Neeme

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**6.55am** Weather and News

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RADIO 4

with Libby Purves and Trevor Sames, incl 7.56

11.15 News Stand with Robin 11.30 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s) (r) 12.15em Desert Island Desert (see Choice) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weeken with Nick Clarke 1.33 Shipping Engeast

Shipping Forecast 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time:

clay Jones in the chair

2.30 A Small Union, by Peter
Transwood, Stanley
(Bernard Hill), once leader
of a cotton workers' union
in the north of England, now spends his days musing on a canal bank (5)

some or the earnest vermantar poetry in Europe was produced in Christian freignd. Sean MacRéamoins and Neaga M Anhachain read a selection of verse from the seventh to 3 tith contribution. centuries

8.35 Gabriell String Guartet
performs Haydra (Guartet In
D minor, Op 42); Beethoven
(Quartet in F minor, Op 95);
Tchaikovsky (Guartet No 2
in F, Op 92), incl 9-15
Interval Reading

10.05 Third Ear with Robert Hewison (r)

10.30 Choral Evensong: Emmaus

— Walking by Faith, A
meditation for the first

megnation for the list.
Sunday letter Easter,
recorded in St Augustine's
Chapel, St Monica's Home,
Bristol, With the Bristol Fightury Singers
11.30 Witold Rowick (1914-89)
Conducts the Warsaw
Philharmonic Orchestra in a performance of Hayon's Symphony No 94 in G. "Surprise"

No 9 2.15 Voices in the Wilderness:

Some of the earliest .

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C.10 Preluce (s) C.20

Morning Has Broken (s)

6.56 Weather 7.00 Nows

7.16 Sunday Papers

7.16 On Your Farm: Clairs Powell
visits an organic farm in

Dorset and menus Will and

Pam Best 7.40 Sunday,
with Libby Purves and

Trevor Barnes, incl 7.56
Weather
8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 Appeal by Sir Harry
Secombe on behalf of Help
the Hospices 8.55 Weather
8.10 Sunday Papers
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by
Alistair Cooke (r)
8.30 Morning Service from
St Mary's Parish Church,
Bideford, Davon (s)
10.15 The Archers omnibus
edition

12.65 per London Winds perform.
Beathoven (Octet in E flat,
Op 103; Kronsner (Partina
in F, Op 57; Husmel
(Partina in E flat), Mozart
(Wind Septeate in C minor,
K 338; Dyofak, arr Patrick
Clements (Slavonic Dance,
Op 46 No 8) (r).
2.10 Rulers of the People (new
Series): A series of three
Handel cratorios that
dramatize spenes from the
lives of the Old Testament
Kings. London Handel Choir
and Orchestra under Denys
Darlow perform Said, with
Bretto by Charles Jennens
4.50 East of the Month: Four
poeins by the American
formalist John Crowe.
Ransom are introduped and
read by Kit Widght.
8.00 Soviet Mester Plenists: The
planist Milchail Pleinev
performs Mussogsky
(Pictures at an Entitotopy:
Tchalkovsky (Chart)
élégiaque)
6.15 Tongue of Tongues: The
mydris and realities
surrounding Elezer BenYehuda, the "father of
modern Hebrew", are
investigated by Dr. Levis
Gisvert.
7.65 Andrzei Penutrik Introduces
and conducts two of his
recent works. BBC SO, with
Robert Thompson, besson,
performs Bassoon Concerto
first broadcast; Symphony
No 9
8.15 Voices in the Wilderness:
Some of the éarliest Members of the Upton-on-Severn Serten Club, Wordestershire, put their queries to Or Stelan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Daptine Ledward. With Clay, Know, in the chair

a canal bank (s)

1.00 Limiture is My Misross —
Medicine, My Writs: A severipart profile of Anton
Chekbov, compiled by
Michael Bakewell, With
David Sucher as Chakhov
(2) (d)

(3) (s) 3.30 A Good Day Out. A Trip to London (3 of 4) (r)
4.00 News; Coccolate Soldiers:
The Second World War story of the Friends\*
Ambulance Unit, a pr sany or use member
Ambulence Unit, a pacifist
organization founded by
confectionery
manufacturers Amold
Dougraph and Paul Rowntree and Paul Cedbury, Bernard Jackson talks to former members of

the FAU (s) (r)

4.42 Profile: Chris Powling talks to author Raymond Briggs, the creator of Fungus the Bogeyman, Father Christmes and Hilds and Jim in When the Weed Blow

(5)

3.00 News; Down the River: Cliff
Morgan concludes his
journey along the River
Fowey in Cornwall

5.40 Japan Five, Wales Nit: Air
Tight in Tokyo. Welsh writer
Alun Richards talks about
the year he spent in Japan

Alun Richards talks about the year he spent in Japan (2 of 5) \$.50 Shipping Forerant \$.55 Weather Forerant \$.55 Weather \$.50 News \$.15 Faedback: Chris Dunkley airs listeners' comments and suggestions about BBC programmes and policy (r) \$.30 Europhile (r) 7.00 News; Cat's Whiskers (riew series) with Andy Crane (s) 7.30 Bookshell (see Choics) \$.00 Punters: An opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks (r)

problems, injustices and quirks (r)

8.40 Reading Aloud: Sitting in the Stalls, Waiting in the Wings, from Stephen Pegg's Just Some Stones for Eleanor.
Read by Terry Molloy (s) (7 of 10)

9.00 News: Treasure Islands (r)

9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) 9.59

Weather

10.00 News 10.15 The 1980s RIP: A spoof awards ceremony for the decade, including Most Pointless War, Best Scandal, Most Welcome Departure, and Most

Promising Newcomer (s) (r)

11.00 Flying a Kite: By Richard J.

Weiss. It is 1790, and
Benjamin Franklin, close to
death, sifts through his
trought the site of the strong his
proper Benefit (s) the Robert Beatty (s) (r) 11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Four Marys. Part 2: Mary, Mother of James. Four Epster portraits by Tony Burnham Portraits of the four woman with witnessed the Resurrection 12.00-12.30 mm News, Incl 12.20

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## 120 years on Lenin loses some of his icon status

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

BANNERS fluttered in the Pravdu said. He was a great main streets of Moscow yes- leader and a great thinker, but terday and white-shirted and not a saint, not even of comred-scarved "young pioneers" goose stepped in force around elders swept the streets with laree besoms.

Lenin, the first Soviet leader.

Today will see the "volknown since Lenin's time as nev - and Trotsky. the subbotnik, in full swing. Everyone is supposed to knuckle down and put in a day's manual labour for the good of their souls, the glory of Lenin and the improvement of their surroundings - but

organizers of the subbotnik (mostly local and city party organizations who then delegate the task to workplace managers) were required to announce in advance the causes to which the funds earned would be donated.

In the past that decision was taken behind closed doors afterwards, leaving the suspicion that a proportion at least went straight into the Communist Party's coffers.

All this 120th-anniversary activity affords the observer a delicately balanced view of the old and the new. Other, further-flung parts of the country may have taken to toppling and vandalizing statues of Lenin but the many in Moscow are still safe.

Change is, none the less, in the wind.

The banners may be out over Kalinin Prospekt, but they are white and not red. Nor are they unadulterated Lenin, since they say such things as "Perestroika is the rebirth of Lenin's idea of

Two months ago Pravda published a reassessment of Vladimir flyich Lenin which man and banishing the icon he has become. Lenin was a man with failings, not all of whose sayings were valid today,

The state historical library, Red Square as groups of their housed not far from Red Square in a tumble-down building in which everyone This frenzied activity was all in aid of tomorrow's 120th mounted an exhibition of anniversary of the birth of previously banned books about Lenin. Most of them have authors with familiar names: "Saturday work effort, Bukharin, Zinovyev, Kame-

A small group of volumes deals with the last agonizing year of Lenin's life and his death. One contains a description of his fatal illness by seven doctors, an account of the patient's behaviour, a not necessarily in that order, medical analysis and a This year for the first time minute-by-minute account of rganizers of the subbotnik the post-mortem examination, which was reported to have lasted from 11.10am to 3.50 pm.

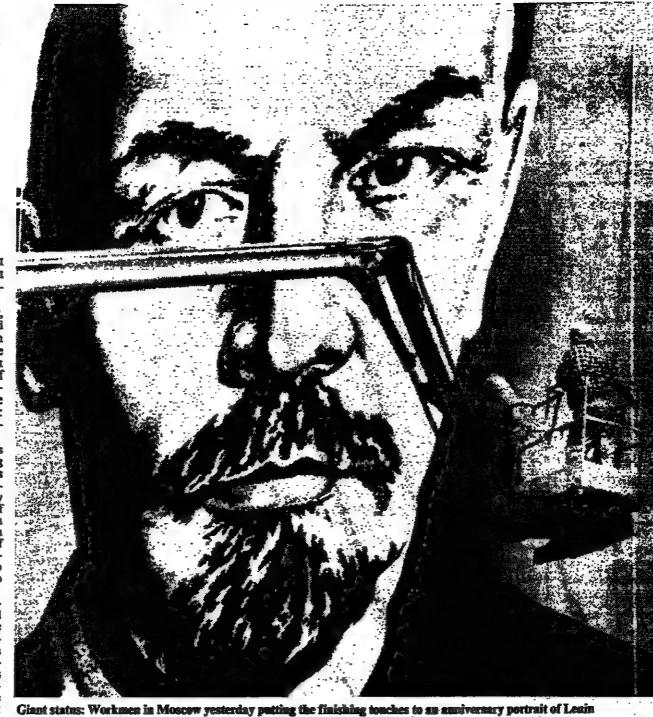
The glasnost-minded Moscow News this week published an article headlined "The tragedy of Lenin" in its Russian-language edition. It was a title unthinkable until recently, as was the article's discussion of his powerlessness - and that of the system he set up - to prevent Stalin becoming leader.

The article was only a step away from arguing, as several Soviet historians already have, that the seeds of Stalin's terror were sown by Lenin.

Such a fundamental reassessment of Lenin's official place in Russian and Soviet history is still a long way off, however. The new reformist leaders of the Moscow City Council, elected last month, made a point of going to lay wreaths at the Lenin Mausoleum yesterday morning lest, presumably, their com-munist credentials came in for hostile scrutiny.

At the same time the vast red-brick Lenin Museum on the edge of Red Square was attempted to preserve him as a crowded with the "young pioneers", the next generation of Soviet communists.

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## **Tebbit defends Asians comment**

Continued from page 1

even in their own countries. But British Asians accused Mr Tebbit of being "hurtful, scandalous and very silly" with the "cricket test loyalty" remark which he made originally in an interview published in the Los Ingeles Times.

Professor Bhikhu Parekh of Hull University said: "It is absolutely disgraceful for someone of his experience and stature to say this kind of thing. Is loyalty a matter of cheering a cricket team or of a fundamental affiliation to a country's way of life?"

The Professor, who recently

Racial Equality, added that Asians would not only be offended but outraged and feel betrayed. He said that in the past 40 years the Asian community had worked very hard to make a contribution.

Meanwhile China reacted angrily to the Commons vote on the British. Nationality (Hong Kong) Bill. It described it as a breach of Britain's solemn international obligations and an attempt to retain control over Hong Kong after it reverts to Chinese control.

A spokesman for the New China News Agency, China's de facto embassy in the colstepped down as deputy chair- ony, said the Bill conflicted man of the Commission for with the memorandum on

nationality attached to the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration on the future of Hong

It also breached China's nationality laws under which all ethnic Chinese in Hong Kong are considered Chinese nationals. He attacked Britain's decision to award passports without consulting Peking and gave a warning that far from encouraging key personnel to remain in the territory the Bill would lead to an increased exodus.

Norman Tebbit, page 10



Mr Tebbit: Remarks

AROUND BRITAIN

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## Power workers vote for strike on 10% demand

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

THE Government's pro- ness to take strike action gramme to privatize the extremely ansuractive. electricity industry was last Privately the union leaders, night threatened with the in common with colleagues in spectre of nationwide black-ours as union leaders, repre-clear they now regard the 10.2 senting 76,000 workers, were given the mandate to organize strike action after the rejection

of the 8.5 per cent pay offer. In a ballot, 27,719 said they were prepared to strike with 16,959 voting against. They also decided by 42,399 to 4,819 to take industrial action short of an all-out strike.

Leaders of the four unions, he Amalgamated Engineering Union, the Transport and General Workers, the GMB general union and the EETPU, immediately used the figures to call on the employers to make a better offer.

Aithough they have not quantified their dains, they have made it clear they are seeking rises of at least 10 per cent coupled with improvements in working conditions. Last year, following a period of sabre-ratiling in which the prospect of blackouts was raised, the unions secured a

9.2 per cent sattlement. Yesterday, Mr Frank Chapman, chairman of the trade union side, said: "We have advised the employers of the result of this ballot and asked them to reflect on the mandate we have had from members." Mr Chapman added: "Given the impact of the poll

tax and the very high mortgage rates our members were never going to accept such an unrealistic offer".

Any strike by the workers would not result in an immediate loss of electricity to homes or industry. The effect would be gradual and depend on the need to maintain and repair turbines and other cru-Armed with the mandate,

the union leaders will hold talks on May 3 with officials of the Electricity Association, which represents PowerGen. National Power and area electricity boards. The union leaders sense that

with the flotation of the industry expected in November they are arguing from a position of strength. The Government will find the prospect of selling off an industry whose workers have

Prague agrees to another new name

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per cent pay settlement achieved by Ford workers as

have also made it clear they will not be satisfied with any

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Rail union leaders, who resume their talks on Monday

the "going rate".

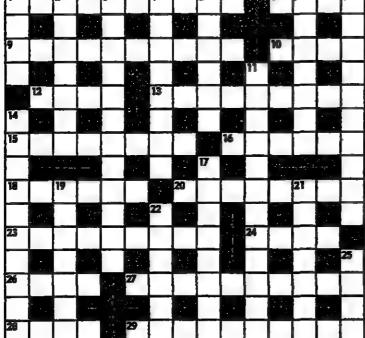
THE parliament of Czecho slovakia vesterday approved a new version of the count name, designed to give each weight to its two republic, after weeks of growing tensions between Czechs and

The name, "Czech and Slovak Federative Republic, was approved by a landslide in both houses of the legislature after an inconclusive first vote. The legislation had to be accepted by a two-thirds majority in both chambers.

It was the second name change in less than a month, Parliament renamed the country "The Czechoslovak Federative Republic on March 23, replacing the word "Socialist" with "Federative" to symbolize the country's shedding of its communist

Parliament then permitted the Slovaks to hyphre-"Czechoslovak" to underbie the equality of the two republics. However, Slovaks, representing one third of the country's population of 15.5 million, demanded that their identity be specified more clearly in a new name. (AP)

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,274



**ACROSS** 1 Prisoner's offence, or intended

6 Indian triumph (4). 9 Aim gun at position in the field

10 Will its swan swim here? (4). 12 Backward African village is a stimulus to action (4). 13 Evoke demand for the 'Unfin-

15 A type of therapy (8). 16 Seurat worked in this Greek

18 Hurt by this? Send for the doc, I would say (6). 20 Passion to bind poet (8). 23 It may be said of your current

occupation (9). 24 Heroine following Pip in the afternoon (4). 26 Mother's a spirit (4). 27 There's a head on a man who's

well-disciplined (10). 28 Not up to being a teacher? (4). 29 Look smaller in spite of every-

Concise crossword, page 44

Solution to Puzzle No 18,268 T I A H I E E Ander Airstrip SNOUT ODDMANOUT U G S A G A O PIKESTAFF ANGER P B R L

DOWN

1 China bird (4).

Basque kingdom near to collapse, invaded by part of France 3 Fall for the subject of this epic

(8,4).4 Search vigorously and produce turnip, say (4-4).

5 Light sweet left unfinished by the French (6). 7 Retreat from defeat in battle (7). 8 City's game couldn't finish in such bad weather (10).

11 Cancelled official report as confidential (3,3,6). 14 Publication not available to carry a rights issue (5,5). 17 Unappreciated daughter has a

bond with essayist (8). 19 22 have opportunity to cheat (3-

21 Such a press - need more air badly (7). 22 Engaged pair put money into car

25 Where our responsibility lies?

Solution to Puzzle No 18,273 SALESMANTAPPEND URSE BAILIWICK NATIVES TRILBY LONGBOW WONDER VANISHED

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Name/Address.

#### WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

STUDDLE a. A post or prop b. A dog-collar back stud c. To plant potatoes

CHINAMPA a. Racialist for a Chinese
 b. Fermented chickory drini
 c. A floating garden

SALLENDERS a. A disease of borses' hocks
 b. Michaelmas term at Shree c. Spring onlone

ZAC a. A sleep

Answers on page 14

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#### WEATHER.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have broken cloud with bright spells and showers mainly in eastern parts of Northern Ireland. England and Wales will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of showers, with the best of any sunshine in England could have more persistent rain or drizzle. Outlook: Unsettled and rather cold in the east and south, with the best of the sunshine in the north and west.

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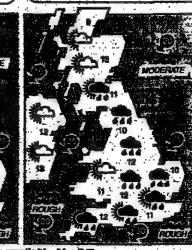
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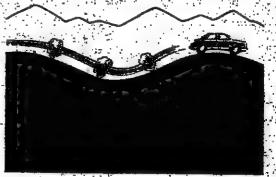
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Market report, page 20

## Curbs on low-start

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each year. A consultative document expected to be published next mouth by the Building Soci-eties Commission could place an annual 10 per cent limit on low-start mortgages, including deferred-interest loans. Currently many smaller societies are making a large proportion of their loans under such

An alternative being considered is to give each society its. own ceiling for riskier loans.

#### Atlantic move

An administration order on Atlantic International Brokerage Lid, an Atlantic Computers subsidiary, was made by Mr Justice Hoffman in the High Court. The administrators are Mr John Soden and Mr Jonathan Phillips of Price Waterhouse.

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## 175 win Queen's Awards in silver year



Straight to the top: double award winners Cyril Stein (left), head of Ladbroke Group, and Michael Hirst, of Hilton Hotels UK. yesterday

## Globe hits at £1 bn bid by Coal funds

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

GLOBE, Britain's largest investment trust, has attacked the £1.03 billion bid made by British Coal pension funds as opportunistic and undervalued.

The trust's managers have formally rejected the 191p a share bid, which values it at a 6 per cent discount to net asset value. The trust was "evaluating ways of demonstrating how shareholders would maximize their investment by ignoring the bid." This could ncinde a special dividend.

"We are not your run-ofthe-mill investment trust," said Mr David Hardy, chairman. "We back a lot of creative things. There should be a premium for the likes of us." Mr Hardy disagreed with Globe's published net asset value, suggesting the trust would mount a revaluation of its property and imquoted in-

Fairbriar

share-buy

talks halt

By Our City Staff

SHARES in Fairbriar, Mr

Remo Dipre's housebuilding

and commercial property

developer, plunged from 51p

to 35p. yesterday, prompting

him to disclose that he has

temporarily shelved dis-

cussions about taking the

no reason for the fall, and con-

firmed that Fairbriar contin-

However, it added that

negotiations concerning a pos-

sible offer by Mr Dipre for the

35 per cent or so of shares not

owned by him or his wife had

been deferred until after

publication of trading results

for the year to March,

He disclosed at the time of

interim results in January that

Pre-tax profits for the six

months to end-September fell

from £6:21 million to £3.32

million, after interest costs leant from £571,000 to £1.54

million. The last figure avail-able, for March 31, 1989, ind-

icated gearing of 151 per cent.

valued at £13.3 million.

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down the coal hole," he said.

The bid was triggered on Thursday when BZW, the broker for CIN Management, which handles the Coal funds, convinced Standard Life, the life assurance group, to sell a 5 per cent stake in Globe for 191p a share, or £51.1 million. This took the Coal funds' stake to 33.8 per cent, pushing them into a general offer

under Takeover Panel rules, where a company has to bid once it owns more 30 per cent. The bid values Globe at a 6 per cent discount to its net isset value, compared with an average discount in the sector of more than 18 per cent. The bid news sent Globe's shares up 14½p to 189p, although reports of a possible offer had

move which gives it a power-

ful springboard from which to

develop into the US market, is

merging its Canadian Maple Leaf Mills subsidiary with

Canada's largest quoted food

processing company - Can-

The deal will give Hills-down an eventual 56 per cent

stake in Canada Packers and

involve cash ontlay of Can

\$119 million (£62 million).

No earnings dilution is

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The deal will be effected by the initial merger of Maple Leaf and Canada Packers,

ada Packers Inc.

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vestments as part of its def-ence. "If we lose I will be going whether it should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission

This is CIN's fourth bid for an investment trust. It regards them as a means to invest in the equity and property markets at a discount.

BZW had been negotiating with Standard, which held the second largest stake after the Coal funds, for more than two weeks, after the broker first offered about 180p a share, Globe has looked vulner-

able since its share price sunk from more than 200p at the start of the year. In addition, more than 15 per cent of its assets are thought to be in cash after the sale of its 26 per cent stake in Electra Investment Trust last month.

CIN's management, howevbeen leaked. er, did not mention the negot-The Office of Fair Trading, intions when it met Mr Hardy however, gave warning that it on Thursday. "They told me

they were not buyers of UK equities, and that included investment trusts," he said.

Globe warned its 40,000 small shareholders, who own almost a third of the trust, that they could be liable for capital gains tax of up to 50p a share if they accepted the bid. "They will be marching on Grosve-nor Place," said Mr Hardy.

CIN has held its Globe stake for 15 years. With £12.3 bil-Coel funds have gained a reputation for innovative investment under Mr Paul Whitney.

In the past five years CIN has recorded average invest-ment returns of 16.1 per cent, i per cent more than the pension fund average.

Institutions described the bid as cheeky, but would consider it, depending on the performance of equities.

Comment, page 19

#### **Finance** Hillsdown seeks director **US** springboard leaves VPI in Canadian deal

THE finance director at VPI Group, the troubled public relations firm, has left abruptly. Mr Peter Bartield is on a year's contract and is, therefore, likely to be entitled to a

cent of Canada Packers' existing shares at Can\$16.50. Canada Packers shares recentily traded at \$13.50 each. The controlling McLean family is committing its 29 per cent stake in Canada Packers to ensure Hillsdown secures

an overall 54 per cent stake. The cash element of the deal will lift Hillsdown's gearing from a December year-end 60 per cent to 80 per cent in the

Mr Harry Solomon, Hills-down's chairman, said it was an exciting venture that emshort terril. phasized Hillsdown's determi-Maple Leaf, acquired by Hillsdown in 1987, in turn owns 67 per cent of Canada's nation to expand its food-related interests, and would unlargest quoted bakery com-pany — Corporate Foods — which in 1989 had sales of doubtedly lead to other devel-The merger of Maple Leaf and Canada Packers will give Can\$741 million.

The merger is subject to the approval of Canada Packers and Hillsdown shareholders, and to that of relevant Ca-nadian regulatory authorities. whereby Hillsdown will ex-Hillsdown shares rose 5p to change its 100 per cent interest 244p.

HILLSDOWN Holdings, in a in Maple Leaf for 29.5 million new Canada Packers shares through which Hillsdown will secure a 45 per cent stake six-figure pay-off.
Mr Angus Maitland, VPPs and a tender offer for 20 per chairman, refused to com-

ment directly on the circumstances surrounding Mr Barfield's departure. But he said: There has been no walk-out. Everyone is aware of the fact that we have been cutting down very significantly on head office costs." Mr Jeremy Sell has been made group financial controller.

Any decision on replacing Mr Barfield will probably wait until VPI's next corporate recovery hurdle, a legal action against or settlement with Mr Don Carter, the disgraced former head of Carter Organisation, bought by VPI for \$76 million three years ago.

Mr Carter, who has admitted various criminal charges in the US, was due to be sentenced on May 2, but US sources suggest a delay of another couple of weeks.

Pressure on agencies, page 19

Ogilvy & Mather poised to join Texaco at £3bn Docklands scheme

## dmen set for Canary Whart

By Matthew Bond

OLYMPIA & York, the Canadian property developer, is believed to be close to announcing a new tenant for its £3 billion Canary Wharf scheme, being built in London Docklands. A number of letting deals are thought to be near completion, but the first to be

officially signed up is likely to be Ogilvy & Mather, the advertising agency and WPP subsidiary based in the 120,000 sq ft Brettenham House off the Strand. A spokesman for Ogilvy said: "It is certainly true that we are looking at Canary Wharf, but no decision has

finally be taken. We expect to make that decision fairly soon." He added that Ogilvy had entered into negotiations with O&Y, but was also

talking to other developers. If Ogilvy does sign up, O&Y will have made a substantial step towards changing the perception of Canary Wharf as an alternative location for only City investment houses to one that all West End businesses would consider.

Ogilvy would join Texaco, the oil company, as one of the two non-financial businesses to sign up with the more

expected tenants in the shape of Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse-First Boston and Morgan Stanley. Marks and Spencer heads a small band of retailers that have committed themselves to the projects. O&Y's low-profile marketing cam-

paign is believed to be working at full capacity as the project begins to take on an identifiable shape. The company's persuasive power is

the stuff of legend, and current incentives are thought to range from buying in the office space a tenant leaves behind to providing luxury river buses and other travel perks to help smooth the journey for staff making their way to the Isle of Dogs.

The project's official letting agents are Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks and Jones Lang Wootton. But their job is believed to consist of introducing potential tenants to the developer, after which negotiations take place directly. This is how O&Y has made a success of its North American developments and how it intends to make a success of Canary

As the London office market becomes more competitive, O&Y is thought to

together a package of the financial incentives that have become the norm among landlords. While Canary Wharf rents appear

fixed at between £27 and £32 a sq ft. O&Y will offer further temptation in the form of considerable help with fittingout costs, rent-free periods, reduced service charges and, on a selective basis, help with disposing of a tenant's existing premises. It has also been suggested that the company is taking a more flexible approach to the standard British 25-year lease, possibly allowing break clauses to be written in.

O&Y is hoping that this approach will lead to a string of letting annourments over the coming months. Mr Charles Sanderson, of Savills, the agent, says there is no sign of panic at the O&Y camp, despite there still being more than 3 million sq ft of the project's first phase

He said: "If you go to O&Y with a potential tenant, they are not falling over you. They will do a commercial deal, but in timely manner. There is no panicky

## Inflation 'may top 10% this month'

By Colin Narbrough **Economics Correspondent** 

ANNUAL inflation could surge to 10.25 per cent this month and peak at about 10.5 per cent in August, according to Warburg Securities.

The forecast, which is at the bearish end of City predic-tions, compares with the 8.1 per cent annual rise in the retail price index last month and the widespread view that, the peak for beadline inflation will top 9.5 per cent this year.

The quarterly prediction as-sumes that the introduction of the poll tax this month will add about 1.5 percentage points to the annual inflation rate. With Budget increases in excise duties and higher local authority rents, it will account for the bulk of the April surge.

Mr Kevin Gardiner, Warburg's UK economist, sees inflation staying above 10 per cent until November, making the Chancellor's Budget fore-cast of RPI inflation of "a little over 7 per cent" by the fourth quarter look highly optimistic. Mr Gardiner said: "Double-

digit inflation can only increase the uncertainties surrounding forecasts for the economy as a whole. The risk now be a real one, and as a result there seems little chance of a reduction in base rates

Warburg says core inflation

the RPI stripped of mortgage interest payments — is likely to remain above 6 per cent. Last month, it showed an annual rise of 6.3 per cent. Warburg also expects the budget surplus to fall to almost nothing under the weight of pre-election in-creases in public spending.

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Queen's Awards for export and technological achievement has brought a record of

been earned. won its first award for exports and claimed a separate win in a trade survey over its main rival, Trusthouse Forte (THF).

Britain's biggest hotel group Glaxo, in pharmaceuticals, with three Queen's Awards to But smaller businesses ha its credit including one more this year for earnings drawn in from overseas, from foreign visitors to its British properties and its overseas hotels

and airline catering activities. THF has long topped the annual British Hotel Guest Survey as the hotel chain that s the first choice of frequent business travellers.

But in the latest survey, carried out at the end of last year by National Opinion Polls and Applied Research and Communications, Hilton has replaced THF at the top. Hilton was quick to spread

the news of its one-upmanship as the Awards list came out. Mr Michael Hirst, chairman and chief executive, of the Hilton operation with its 31 British hotels and more than 100 abroad, attributes much of the success to Hilton being the most powerful hotel brand in the world."

THF, in its recent results, showed slacker business in the British provinces. But Mr Hirst claimed: "Our operations both in London and the provinces are performing well ahead of last year."

There are five new hotels under development including, to international standard, the Langham Hilton, due to open in London's West End next year, and the Glasgow Hilton which will open its doors in 1992. Further down the pipeline Mr Hirst is nearing final decisions on four more new botels at prime regional locations in Britain.

With the Queen's Awards in over the years have been adding up their jubilee bag.

subsidiaries won five more awards this year bringing its total since the scheme's inception to 57. Five trophies equals its record for a single year first set, in 1966, when the Queen's Awards were

The General Electric Company (GEC) won an award in 1966 and this year three of its subsidiaries are in the list. They are Yarrow Shipbuilders, GPT in telecommunica-

SILVER jubilee year for the tions, and the automotive electronics division of Saiford Electrical Instruments.

GEC tends to count its 175 winners - 126 for export-ing - and a competition the end of its big growth-byamong the blue chip com- acquisition phase, and took panies for how much glory has some time yesterday working out quite how many awards its There was especially a battle multifarious subsidiaries had in the glitzy world of hotels as picked up. It turned out that Hilton Hotels UK, part of Mr the total from 1969 has Cyril Stein's Ladbroke Group, reached 65 which puts Lord Weinstock's empire currently

in pole position. Big names range from British Steel and British Aero-THF, headed by Lord Forte and with his son, Mr Rocco Forte, as chief executive, is unable to the space, in manufacturing, to Courtaulds, in plastics, Electrolux, in floor care, and

But smaller businesses have traditionally accounted for between a half and nearly twothirds of winners, and the jubilee record is no exception with 58 per cent of the winners being small firms with fewer than 200 employees.

The smallest business to win an export Award was Reediehill, Britain's first deer farm, which with its workforce of four at Auchtermuchty, Fife, exports red deer as breeding stock as well as farmed venison.

Another modest manufacturer is Chaucer Foods, of Ashford, Kent, a subsidiary of Hazelwood Foods, which produces croutons for instant soups and salad bars, with big exports to Europe, the US and

Australia. One of Britain's smaller makers of domestic electrical appliances, Crosslee at Hali-fax, West Yorkshire, picked up an award for its export of

tumble dryers to 40 countries. Export 1966 winners reappearing this year are Aquascutum, Automotive Products, Ethicon, ICI, British Aerospace's Rover and Redi-ffusion. Technology 1966 winners which are also jubilee award gatherers are Gullick Dobson, Lucas Industries and Smiths Industries.

There is a noticeable trend for companies to become more involved in environmentally friendly products from the Body Shop, with its naturally-based skin and hair care products, to Allied Colloids, in Bradford, West Yorkshire. Allied Colloids won two their 25th year the big winners technology awards, each involving cuts in pollution.

Baker & McKenzie, which ICI, which claims to be has 40 offices world-wide, is turer, has through various award. Three academic institutions securing export awards for invisible earnings, mainly through taking in foreign students, include the London School of Economics and Imperial College

Overall there were 31 award winners with foreign parents. They included the British arms of two Japanese electronics goods manufacturers, Sony and Sharp.

The awards in full, page 18

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equipment for semiconductor manufacture. Applied Video Systems t/a AVS, Chessington, Surrey: conversion of TV signals between incompatible TV

Bonas Machine Company. Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. high-speed electronic jaquard Main Ontical Networks Division (RT45) British Telecom, Research & Technology, Ipswich, Suffolk: optical receivers for undersea cable applications.

Chas A Blatchford & Sons. Basingstoke, Hants: lightweight lower extremity artificial limbs. Goole, North Humberside:
Dicrol CPS rolling oil.
Dowty Maritime Ocean

Systems (part of Dowty Maritime), Weymouth, Dorset: thermal line scan recorders. Elcometer Instruments. Droylsden, Manchester, microprocessor for controlling thickness gauges. EM Electronics, Brockenhurst. Hants: ultra low-level DC voltage measurement. Epichem, Wirral, Mersevside: metal organic precursors for semiconductor materials (with

Electronic Materials Division of the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment).
Gens of Cambridge, Cambs: Gemsys image processing. Glavo Group Research. Greenford, Middlesex: Ceftazidime, an antibiotic. Glencast, Leven. Fife: Replicast process of producing highquality castings (with Steel Castings Research and Trade Association). GPT Telecommunications Systems Group (Switching

etworks). Liverpool. Merseyside: System X telecommunication system. The Technical Department of Gutlick Dobson, Wigan, Greater Manchester: automated mine roof support system. ICI Celimark Diagnostics, Abingdon, Oxon: DNA fingerprinting (with Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine). The Electrochemical

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Laboratory, Oxford, Oxon: design of parallel microprocessors (with the Product Development Division of INMOS Ltd). Pearpoint, Bordon, Hants: solid state mono and colour CCD

Perkins Engines Group, Peterborough, Cambs: Prima direct injection high speed diesel engine for cars and vans. Philips Components Ltd Washington, Washington, Tyne and Wear, advanced manufacturing techniques for Pilkington PE. St Asaph. Clwyd: production process for fabrication of holographic Renishaw Metrology, Wootonunder-Edge. Glos: motorized probe heads incorporating patented kinematic location

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Aerospace and Defence Systems, Cheltenham, Glos: advanced light-emitting diode display systems for commercial STC Submarine Systems, Greenwich, London SE10; NL 420 mbit/s submarine cable

STC Technology, Harlow, Essex: bipolar and complementary metal oxide semiconductor devices in the same integrated circuit. Steel Castings Research and I rade Association, Sheffield, S Yorks: the Replicast process for producing high quality castings (with Glencast Ltd). The Wolfson Research Laboratories of the Department of Clinical Medicine of the University of Birmingham:

system (with Clinical Reagents Division of Amersham International). VG Elemental, Winsford, Chess inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry system (with the NERC ICP-MS Facility). The Wellcome Research Laboratories of the Wellcome Foundation, Beckenham, Kent. Retrovir for the treatment of HIV infection.
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THE following have been granted the Queen's Award for Export Achievement 1990: **Advisory Services Heldings** Group, London WI: medical consultancy services.
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NW1: film and theatrical Biomet, Bridgend, Mid Glam: orthopaedic implants and

The Body Shop International Littlehampton, West Sussex: skin and haircare products. Bonas Machine Company, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear: weaving machinery and allied equipment.

Border Holdings (UK), Clun, Shrops: spare parts and components for vehicles. British Ceramic Service Company, Newcastle-under Lyme, Staffs: kilns. British Replin, Ayr, Ayrshire: woven textiles. British Sidac, Wigton, Cumbria: cellulose and polypropylene films. British Steel Stainles

Sheffield, S Yorks: stainless Butterley Brick, Ripley. Derbys: clay facing bricks/clay

Kent: antenna systems. C B Brook & Company. Bradford, W Yorks: bunting. and woven woollen abba cloth. Caledonian Airmotive.
Prestwick, Ayrshire: overhaul
and refurbishment of jet

Cambridge Research Biochemicals, Cambridge, Cambs: biochemicals. Chancer Foods, Ashford, Kent: Chivas Brothers, Paisley.

Renfrewshire: whisky, gin and The College of Petroles Studies, Oxford, Oxon: management and business

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industry. Crockett & Jones, Northampton, Northants: men's footwear. Cresrel, Halifax, Yorks: short staple carding machines. Crosslee, Hipperholme, Halifax, Yorks: domestic tumble dryers.
Crystalox, Wantage, Oxon:
crystal growth equipment.
Datapaq, Cambridge, Cambr.

in-process thermal monitoring Lancs: electronic yarn-break

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Division of Rover Group, Solihull, W Midlands: fourwheel drive vehicles and spare The Special Products Division of Leslie Hartridge, Buckingham, Bucks: aut test equipment. The London School of

Economics and Political Science, London WC2: university tuition, research and Lowe Refrigeration C Carryduff, Co Down: ration Company, refrigerated display and storage sioment hire. LWT (Holdings), London SEI: sale of television programme

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## Amex loses \$620m in its first quarter

By Neil Beanett, Banking Correspondent

and restructuring charge cards, travellers' che-LOSSES costs at Shearson Lehman the troubled US securities house, have pushed American Express, its parent, The travel services division into a loss of \$620 million for remained Amex's largest earthe first quarter of this year compared with a net profit of

\$252 million. But Amex is still increasing its quarterly dividend by 2 cents to 23 cents despite a loss of \$1.50 a share against carnings of 59 cents.

A loss of \$915 million at Shearson, where Amex was forced to mount a \$870 milmillion from the group's strength in the future."

ques and banking operations. This included a \$128 million trading loss and \$630 million in restructuring costs.

ner, with profits of \$215 million, up 16 per cent. Amex now has 35.6 million cards in issue - up 10 per cent - and \$25.8 billion was spent on them in the three months.

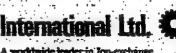
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## Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future and share prices can fall as well as rise so that you may not be able to get back the amount you invested.

# first quan Alumasc agrees £32m takeover by Glynwed

By Michael Tate Deputy City Editor

THE management team, which bought out Alumasc from Consolidated Gold Fields for £4.5 million in 1984, has agreed to self the business to Glynwed International for £32 million.

Glynwed the Acc and Business

Glynwed, the Aga and Rayburn heaters to building and engineering products group, has launched a one-for-one share offer, valuing each Alumase share at 248p.

It has won the irrevocable acceptance of the board and other shareholders speaking for 48.1 per cent of the equity. A 225p a share cash alternative is being made available

by Schroders. Alumasc shares leapt 69p to 232p. At the offer price, Alumasc's p/e ratio is 11.9. Mr John McCall, the chairman and chief executive who floated Alumasc on the stock market in May 1986 at a price of £18.4 million, is still the company's largest sharehold-

er, with about 18.5 per cent.

His holding is worth £5.6 million at the bid price. Last February, Mr McCall unveiled a 7.6 per cent rise in Alumasc half-year profits to £2.22 million, and disclosed that the group had run into net debt for the first time. He now believes Alumase's

expansion programme can be more comfortably resourced



Expecting deal to bring significant benefits: Gareth Davies, chairman of Gly

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All three containers steel being the containers and a precision engineering equipment manufacturer. It employs 1,000 people in the Midlands. containers and supplying beer man and chief executive, Mr team will stay, and Mr McCall taps and fittings, it is a leading Gareth Davies, expects to said he envisaged no job losses supplier of aluminium rain-achieve "significant operating as a result of the deal.

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## City Gate bid backed by 85%

Accura, the Swedish property group bidding £22 million for the developer City Gate Es-tates, received acceptances in respect of 85 per cent of the shares by the first closing date. The bid has been declared unconditional.

The significance of the agreed bid for the former Business Expansion Scheme company in terms of dem-onstrating Swedish interest in British property has since heen dwarfed by the £500 dillion bid for LET by SPP, the Swedish pension

Accura bid 140p cash per City Gate share, 10p less than the USM placing price in

Early's loss

Early's of Witney, the Oxford-shire textile company reported a pre-tax loss of £1.04 million for the year to January. Grovewood Securities, which announced a £13 million commended offer for Early's last month, has dispatched its offer document. A £2.7 million extraordinary profit, principally from the sale of land cipally from the sale of land, led to an attributable profit of £2.04 million. No final divided is being paid because of Grovewood's 225p-a-share

Waterford call

Shareholders have backed the Inf.2.8 million (£22.2 million) cash call by Waterford Wedgwood, the struggling Irishbased giftware group. Waterford found takers for 83.49 per cent of stock on offer. The remainder was placed in the market at £28.85, £1.35 above the issue price.

Jennérs rises

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Jenners, the Edinburgh department store operator, has reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £1.94 million to £2.05 million in the year to end-January. Turnover rose 12.2 per cent to £28.1 million, despite refurbishment work. The final dividend is 24p, up from 21p, making 40p, against 35p.

Lord Blakenbam, chairman and chief executive of Daon, the and leisure conglomerate, enjoyed an increase in salary from £299,000 to £465,000 in the year to end-December,

P&O option

P&O and Citicorp's Citibank have won an option to develop a commercial property project, estimated to cost £200 million, in Hamburg, West

## **FKB** share suspension puts pressure on sector

By Martin Waller

the battered agencies acctor amounts now due to the yesterday as FKB Group, original vendors having to be which claims to be the world's leading independent marketing services company, sus-pended its shares. It gave warning of financial difficulties and a possible rights issue. FKB represented "the classic agency story," according to BZW's research team, having tumbled over the difficulty of

funding delayed earn-outs from earlier acquisitions. BZW issued a warning that others in the sector, including the market leader, Mr Martin Sorreil's WPP Group, could now expérience a drop in their share prices. WPP owes an estimated £150 million in deferred payments for acqui-

Mr Philip Higson at BZW predicted that WPP's shares, 9p lower at 620p yesterday, would come under further about FKB.

"We're not criticizing the WPP management at all," he

"But the market will perceive higher risk and therefore require a bigger discount to the general stock market rating to justify buying the shares while trading news from simi-iar companies continues on FKB lines," said Mr Higson. He said WPP shares, which

sell on a multiple of almost eight times future earnings, could slip to a multiple of seven. This would mean another 60p off the share

But BZW emphasized that its forecast downgrading for WPP was based only on the market's perception, not on

Deals done in the boom years for marketing agencies are coming home to roost in

through a rights issue or a new investor — Dentsu, the Japa-A CHILL wind blew through hard times, with massive paid from depleted cash flows.

To make matters worse for those companies which have expanded rapidly, some ven-dors were offered the choice of taking their deferred pay-ments in cash or shares and are now electing for the former, given the collapse in

FKB's shares were sus-pended at 118p, valuing the company at £32 million, compared with a high of 337p last July.

The company said that

although trading remained profitable, profits for the year to end-March would be substantially below expec-This was mainly because of

ent in autumn 1988. Borrowings rose mainly because of carn-out obliga-tions, and the bankers, while

pledging continued support, insisted on a full financial review and the raising of new

This would be either.

Estimates of maximum deferred payments by agencies.

*	£m
WPP Group	150.
Saatchi & Saatchi	120.0
WCRS Group	100.
Shandwick	69.
FKB Group "	59.1
Lowe Group	25.4
Acsis Group	18.
<b>Gold Greenless Trott</b>	13.9
Lopex	10.1
Abbott Mead Vickers	6.1
Source: BZW	

believed to have expressed an

Mr Brian Francis, the joint chief executive, said he had been advised to give no fur-ther details of FKB's financial woes. There were 10 significant acquisitions, including FKB Direct, still subject to profit-related carn-outs.

Sources suggest FKB is approaching its £30 million borrowing limit set by its bankers, who are likely to be unhappy about extending this in the present climate. As conditions stand, the company can probably expect

million in deferred payments over the next five years. BZW only this week highdisappointing results from various subsidiaries, particularly FKB Direct in the US, burght in autumn 1998.

to have to find another £30

quickly." He blamed the company's decline on management tur-moil - there have been three acting finance directors in 18 months -- too-hasty expansion before the economic downturn, and rising debts.

"It will happen again. The market must be concerned about any stock with that level debt and deferred pay-

His own estimate was that FKB had almost £60 million in deferred earn-outs for which it could become potentially liable.

He had been looking for results of £10 million pre-tax to end-March.

There's no point in having another forecast. What we're talking about is whether or not the bankers have got the stomach to fund them, Mr Higson said."

agement group, was re-manded on charges he faces over the Ferranti share affair. Mr Christopher Roberts,

aged 40, a former director of Scrimgeour Vickers Asset ement, was given bail until June 15 after a second appearance at Bow Street Magistrates Court. He is charged with two offences under Section 47 (1) of the

Court on July 21 last year.

employed accountant, was a director of Scrimgeour Vickers Asset Management, the private client broking arm of Scrimgeour Vickers, until last subject of a separate civil suit from Smith New Court over

#### There is no accurate way of measuring such an underlying value for most conventional trading companies because they are too

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Hidden reasons why British

firms are prey to takeovers

their shares is readily measurable.

Yet in normal day-to-day trading,

the market in their shares can only

be cleared at a significantly lower

individual. The stock market value of their shares is therefore assumed to be the true value. Takeover bids, which are normally at a substantial premium to market value, have therefore been explained as increasing value by improving management or strategy.

The sustained boom in takeovers over many years could be better explained, however, if it were assumed that most companies' shares traded at a discount to their "true" value. Shares in mature conglomerates, for instance, often trade at a discount to the "breakup" value estimated by City analysts, as do diversified groups such

Financial institutions usually accept bids, not because of anti-social short-term thinking, but because they have no other means of eliminating the day-to-day market discount at which shares habitually

Most takeovers are made because firms wanting to expand can do so much more cheaply, quickly and safely by buying another company. In Japan, by contrast, there are few takeovers. While some attribute this to inscrutable Oriental cultural differences, the numbers suggest a simpler explanation. Even after the shake-out, shares

in Japanese companies sell, on average, at more than 30 times earnings compared with about 11

times earnings in Britain. In Japan, it is usually cheaper to expand by building a factory or developing new products than by buying your rivals. Much the same applies in West Germany, where shares sell at around 19 times earnings.

The imbalance between the stock market and bid values of companies in Britain is partly due to sustained high interest rates for most of the past generation. Such rates depress share values while greatly increasing the cost and risk to companies of expanding other than by acquisition.

But there are also structural differences in supply and demand for shares. In Japan, and on the Continent, substantial stakes in many companies are held by other companies or financial institutions as part of permanent trading relationships. The supply of shares in big companies is therefore much smaller than might appear. In Britain and the US, however, financial institutions usually hold shares simply as part of a moving managed portfolio, and they are willing sellers if one company's shares rise out of line.

The other imbalance is the shrinkage lack of private shareholding in Britain. The multiplication of the number of shareholders over the past few years has done virtually nothing to change this. Most own only shares in privatized companies and the vast majority of personal equity plans are managed by institutions. Much greater individual share ownership, spurred by tax structures, lower costs and better marketing, could do more than any artificial measure to stop British industry consuming itself in take-over bids instead of expanding.

## Why auditors should not be cynics

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, who this week have received voting forms for yet another merger, may well have been become cynical about the ICA's endless urge for corporate matrimony.

he British Coal pension funds' rather mundane bid

for Globe, flagship of the investment trust fleet, was always

liable to happen, despite all the best efforts of the managers of Globe

and other investment trusts over

the past few years. On the measure

used by County NatWest Wood-Mac, the leading broker in the

sector, shares in investment trusts

have traded over the past year at an average discount to the net value of

their investments of between 12 per

It should always pay a pension fund that had a lot of cash to invest in shares to bid for a suitable

investment trust since the cost of

buying such a portfolio would be much higher, as many have done

over the past decade. Indeed, this is

the biggest single reason why the long-standing discount in investment trust shares has shrunk.

been seen as a special problem for

investment trusts, an anomaly in the market caused by the shrinking

role of the private investor and the

success of the rival unit trusts. But

this may have been a myopic view.

also habitually sell at a sizeable discount to the net-asset value of

their portfolios - even after allow-

ing for capital gains liabilities.

Properties are not as homogeneous

as shares, but many companies,

including most recently Laing Properties, and London & Edin-burgh Trust, have fallen to bidders because the cost of buying com-

parable properties was much greater than bidding for a quoted

property company. Companies holding oil properties may be liable

What these groups have in

Shares in property companies

This inveterate discount has long

cent and 21 per cent.

There are fears in the Council that those who so overwhelmingly voted to absorb the Scots, only to be rebuffed from north of the border, may not give the necessary two-thirds majority to bring in the 11,000-strong public sector accountants of the Chartered Institute for Public Finance & Accountancy

It is certainly a more fun-

damental decision. The Scots merger was a simple takeover, while merging with Cipfa, whose members are trained largely on the job, involves a separate vote to allow supervised training in industry for the first time. However, the Cipfa plan is more important to the profession and should bring much greater benefits.

Despite the shrinkage of the public sector, Cipía is no dead duck. It has a high reputation and a stronger growth in student numbers to meet rapidly rising demand in areas such as the National Health Service, which offer some of the most exciting new challenges for accountants. Meanwhile, the lack of on-the-job training facilities

is eroding the supremacy of chartered accountants in industry.

Bringing in public sector skills will also do far more to give British accountants a stronger voice in the European Community, as well as economy-wide dominance at home. Britain has the biggest and most dynamic accountancy profession in Europe, but unless it is in a stronger position to take the initiative, the Germans may well ensure that inferior continental practices triumph over international standards in the harmonization of EC accounting standards.

> Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

## Camford optimism on profit

By Our City Staff

CAMFORD Engineering, the motor components group fighting a hostile £64 million takeover bid from the Australian-backed Markheath Securities, expects to achieve a 37 per cent rise in profits for the

In its defence document, Camford forecasts pre-tax profits of £8 million for the ear to end-September, and a 33 per cent rise in earnings per share to more than 25p.

Mr Brian Cox, the chair-man, also forecasts a 40 per cent increase in "engineering dividends" to 8.8p a share. This is over and above the annual property dividends of at least 15p a share that the group has promised for the next three years.

Taking into account all the

forecast dividends, Camford shares yield a prospective 10.4 per cent at Markheath's 305p offer price, says Mr Cox. However, Markheath con-tinues to question the property dividends with regard to an "assumption in relation to land exchange" which, it says, "is critical to both the value of the Stevenage site and to Camford's ability to pay the so-called 'property' div-Camford shares jumped 8p

## Ketson recovers but omits payout

KETSON, the marketing and

public relations group which underwent a £5 million refinancing last May, is back in the black with pre-tax profits of £122,000 for 1989, compared with a loss of

£21 million. Earnings per and Cooper Directory Market-share reached 0.2p (7.8p loss) ing experienced a similar but there is no dividend (1p). The realignment of Ketson is

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its, with higher revenues due to a broader client base. 960,000. Moorgate Group, a public The shares firme Turnover rose 44 per cent to relations firm, reduced losses 11½p on the news.

management consultant, was subsidiary closures and costs the main contributor to profconsortium led by City and Westminster Financial.

The shares firmed by 1/2p to

## Former director remanded

Scrimgeour Vickers, the man-agement group, was re-statements in the course of the troubled defence group their business.

The charges against Mr Roberts, of Parkway, Gidea Park, Romford, Essex, relate to the sale of a large number of Ferranti shares by Scrimgeour Vickers Asset Management, part of the US Citicorp Group, to the brokers Smith New

An investigation into the

with International Signal and Mr Roberts, now a self-

July. Scrimgeour is also the

Financial Services Act, which shares sale was launched by the 38 million Fernanti shares prohibits people conducting the Serious Frand Office in it sold to the broker. Malaise in property sector claims another casualty

## Sheraton Securities shares suspended at 36p

By Matthew Bond

the latest casualty of the combination of high interest rates and last institutional to decimate the property sector.

The news that Sheraton's shares had been suspended at 36p, after falling 6p from their overnight close, sent property shares into reverse. Concern centred on the fact that Sheraton is one of the best-regarded development companies. If it was in serious trouble, the implications for the sector as a whole are grave.

Anticipation that a big developer was in trouble knocked 32p off Speyhawk's shares on Thursday. But it recovered 10p of that fall to 179p

Sheraton's announcement blamed the slowdown in the sale of completed developments for the company's problems. Mr Peter Taylor, managing director, said: "Some jobs we would have expected to forward fund, others we would have expected to sell. We have not - that is the problem."

As a result, the company was approaching its institutional shareholders and its banks "to put arrangements in place to secure the company's financial position." Mr Taylor said most of the parties contacted were reacting positively. At the interim stage, last December,

Sheraton admitted its on-balance

sheet gearing was more than 140 per

cent, but announced its intention to

reduce that to 100 per cent. But

balance sheet, taking total borrowings towards £300 million and gearing to above 300 per cent. Its costly development programme would, if anything, have increased horrowings. Sheraton's last full-year figures, to March 1988, showed doubled pre-tax profits of £23.2 million and that

> SG Warburg, the company's adviser, is seeking a buyer for all, or part, of the company. At the suspension price Sheraton is valued at £49 million. It is thought that the high level of interest being shown in development companies by overseas investors may well provide a solution.

"We have a very strong manage-

ment team and a very strong portfolio

progress had been maintained at the

interest from third parties," Mr

Sheraton's problem is straightforward and common to all specialist developers. Profits are made by selling completed developments to an institution. If they are not buying, as now, the development must be held. The problem is that the returns, in the form of rents, do not cover the interest cost on the development finance.

Sheraton becomes the latest propcrty company to reveal problems. Other shares suspended include Rush & Tompkins and Wiggins, while both Finlan and Priest Marians have revealed severe problems with borrowings. Only Rosehaugh has been of sufficient size to expand its capital hase with a £125 million rights issue.

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#### WALL STREET

THE Dow Jones industrial covering AAR sank by 2½ to average was down by 4 points 23 after falling by 2% on at 2,707.94 in early trading. Thursday. Technical resistance forced

back share prices after blue AAR said yesterday that it chips achieved an advance at expects a modest rise in profits

Mr Paul Kronlokken, an Tokyo – The Nikkei index closed 109.97 points down at analyst at Piper Jaffray and

in the year to the end of next

group, finished what has been a gloomy week for it with a Hopwood, said: "Bonds took 29,835,44 after rising by a tumble at the same time." 696.35 on Thursday. (Reuter) decline in the share price of 3p

the week. The price dipped as low as 89p at one stage with almost 10 million shares traded column yesterday reporting the appearance of a large seller. There was little evidence yesterday to suggest that million shares which, dealers said, was part of the Belzberg family's near 5 per cent

The Belzbergs have been dealing in and out of the shares for some time, hoping to reduce part of the trading loss on their investment. Hopes that they will even-tually launch a bid have now

evaporated.

The rest of the equity market managed partly to make good some of Thursa low for the year. The FT-SE 100 index was 2.0 up at 2,186.7 in thin trading after keeping within narrow limits for most of the day. The FT index of 30 shares also rose 2.5 Government securities drew strength from the firm

pound, closing with gains of five ahead of next week's banking and trade figures.

The market took the news

STOCK MARKET

## Continued selling pushes Asda down a further 3p

to yet another low of 91p - a fail of almost 10 per cent on

BRITISH LAND: SHARES UNDER PRESSURE AND STILL NO SIGN OF NEW RESTRUCTURING

trust, in its stride. There has been talk for several weeks that a bid was on the way for one of the constituents of the next decade. Rises were seen in Anglian, 5p to 151p, Northumbrian, 5p to 168p, North West, 4½p to FT-SE 100 index but few had guessed its identity.

The terms were revealed after the pension fund announced that it had increased its holding to 33.8 per cent— so triggering a bid. The deal values Globe at 191p a share. Globe jumped 12½p to 187p. British Investment Trust, 85 per cent owned by Globe, firmed 7p to 590p.

The water companies made a confident start in the belief that the sector had started to bottom out after the sharp falls prompted by the Labour Party's threat to renationalize Hoare Govett, the broker,

told its clients this week that the falls had been overdone with the sector now standing at a 46 per cent discount to the rest of the market. Hoare thinks it is unlikely that Labour will carry out its threat for BL from Mr Rithlat after

because of the industry's £25 billion expenditure progra-mme which is planned for the

to 168p, North West, 4½p to 155½p, Severn Trent, 5p to 137p, Southern, 3p to 133p, South West, 5p to 162p, Thames, 5p to 134½p, Welsh, 2p to 164p, Wessex, 6p to 151p and Yorkshre, 4p to 156p. The package of mixed water shares also jumped £42 to £1.455.

News of the suspension of Sheraton Securities International at 360, pending Fairheir tumbling 16p to 35p, clarification of its financial position, sent a shudder no reason for the fall but through a property sector aheady worried by the impact of high interest rates on companies with heavy borrowings...

Leading the sector lower was Mr John Rithlat's British Land, down 20p at 349p. The City has been waiting for the details of a restructuring plan

fund managers who were un-happy with the incentives being offered to the directors. A few weeks ago there was

posals but this appears to have been premature. There are now fears that Mr Ritblat's plans may have received another setback after the news from Sheraton.

seen in BHH Group, 11p to 93p, still awaiting the details of a proposed management buyout, Brixton Estate, 4p to 172p, Control Securities, 3p to 34/sp, Froguere Estates, 9p to 37/sp, Greycoat, 14p to 403p, Land Securities, 9p to 476p, MEPC, 8p to 495p, Mount-leigh, 3p to 145p, Roschaugh, 9p to 280p and Sauthend Property 7p to 123p

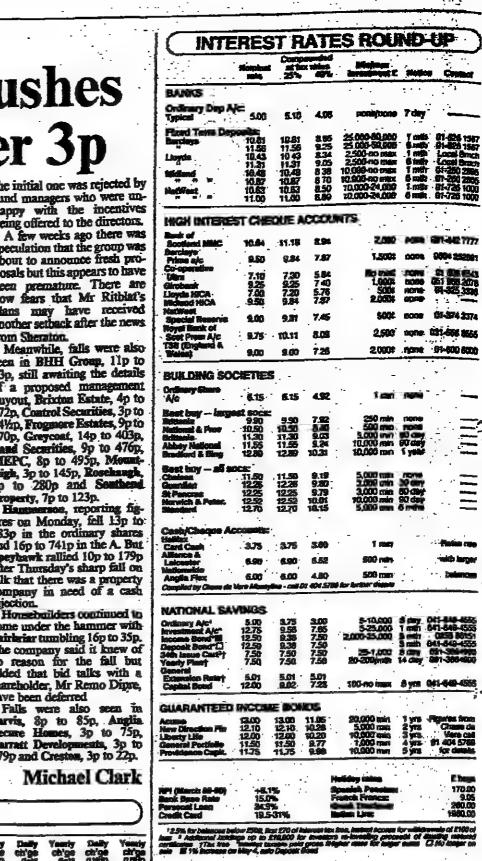
Property, 7p to 123p.

Hammarson, reporting figures on Monday, fell 13p to 783p in the ordinary shares and 16p to 741p in the A. But Speybawk rallied 10p to 179p after Thursday's sharp fall on talk that there was a property

come under the hammer with Fairbriar tumbling 16p to 35p. The company said it knew of

. Falls were also seen in Jarvis, 8p to 85p, Anglia Secure Homes, 3p to 75p, Barratt Developments, 3p to 179p and Creston, 3p to 22p.

Michael Clark



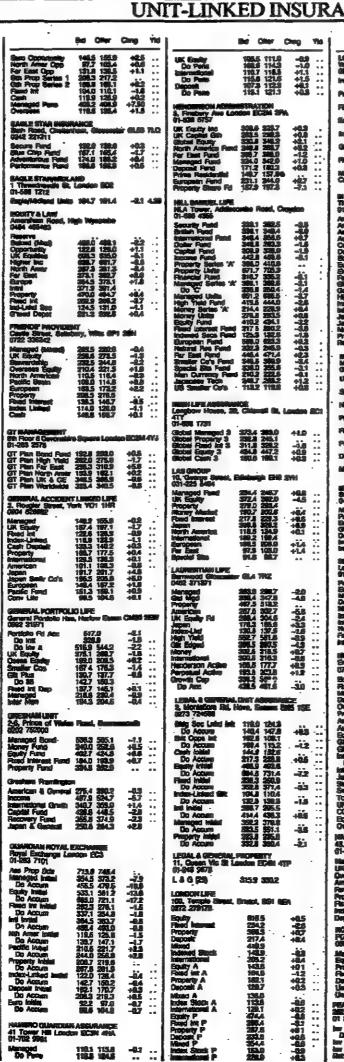
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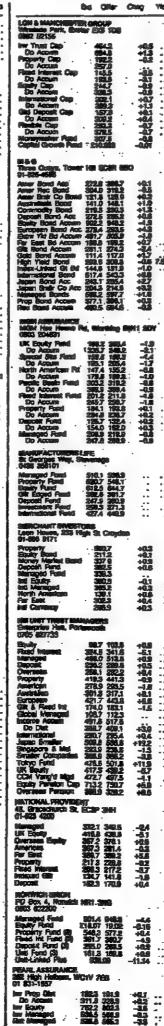
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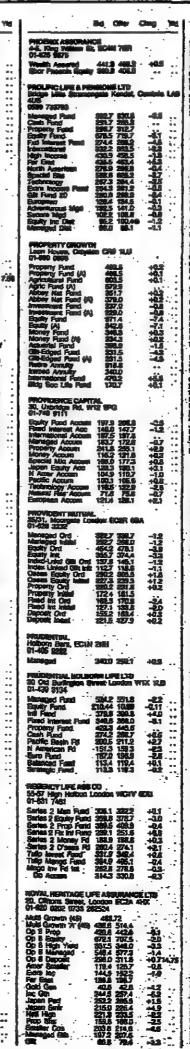
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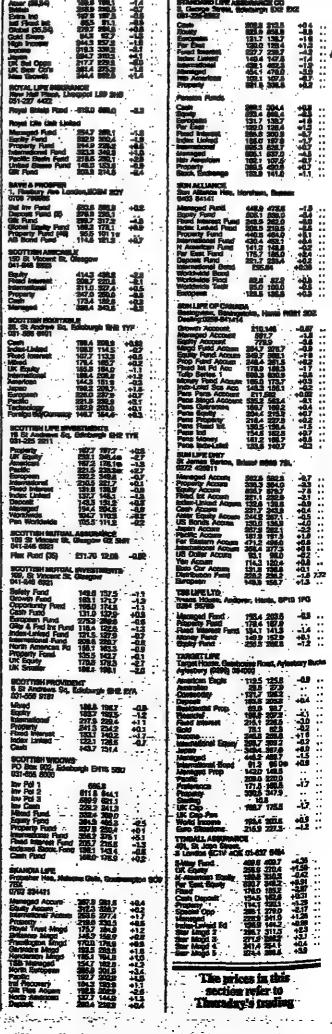
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#### More work wanted

The Unit Trust Ombudsman is seeking more complaints to handle and is prepared to help 1987 crash victims \_\_ Page 25

#### Better return

Selling an insurance policy at auction, or through an agency, should give a better return than early surrender Page 25 Holiday help

Tour operators will soon have to give financial support to holidaymakers wanting to 

#### Green cover

Motorists, who take their cars to the Continent, need to make sure they have com-



#### First Tessa from B&W

THE Bristol & West Building Society has launched the first Tax Exempt Special Savings Account — ahead of the Inland Revenue publishing details of how the accounts will be run.

The account, which has a fixed rate of 13 per cent for five-and-a half years, guarantees that investors who put £7,500 in the Capital Maker Bond now will receive at least £14,000 on January 2, 1996. Initially composite rate tax will be deducted from the interest but in January £3,000 would be transferred into a Tessa and each subsequent year the limit would be placed in the tax-free account.

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## Society merger battle may be first of many

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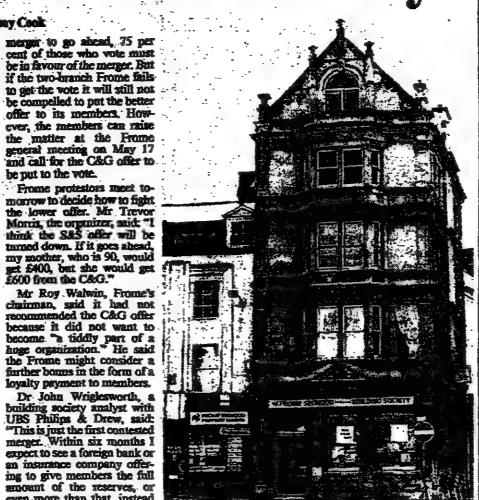
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THE battle for the tiny Frome merger to go ahead, 75 per Selwood Building Society has cent of those who vote must become the first contested be in favour of the merger. But building society merger. Doc- if the two-branch Frome fails uments on the planned merger to get the vote it will still not with the Stroud & Swindon be compelled to put the better Building Society show the offer to its members. How-Cheltenbam & Gloucester ever, the members can raise Building Society is willing to the matter at the Frome pay members hundreds of thousands of pounds more.

Building society analysis now expect many more dis-puted mergers, which could bid up the bonuses paid to building society members.

The 14,500 members of the rome, in Somerset, have been told in papers proposing a merger with the \$45 that the C&G has offered a three per cent butter to savers and a half per cent discount to borrowers for a full year. But Frome directors are recommending to members that they accept the S&S offer of two per cent and a six-month discount.

The C&G offer is worth £1.26 million to savers after tax is deducted, against £840,000 from the S&S. Borrowers would receive pared with half this amount from the S&S. The S&S proposal would, however, give Frome directors six seats on its regional board and two on the main board. The C&G has not offered any directorships to the Frome board. For the



Fight for Frame Selwood could spark a larger was

## ow-start mortgages could be limited

The loans form the mainstay of the

A draft document from the com-mission suggests an annual limit for the loans of 10 per cent of a society's mortgage business. But societies fear

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of risk business they can do after the by the commission next month.

defer up to 7 per cent of the interest in the first year. This can offer payments in year one at 8.4 per cent instead of the current standard rates of 15.4 per cent and higher. But the interest is added to the original loan and payments in later years can be more than doubled.

Last month, the commission issued a

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be concerned about the loans, which can quickly leave a society with a property as a security which is worth less than the

If a limit had been implemented in anned some societies from offering not be able to handle the risks.

However, the limit would help nev lenders like the Mortgage Corporation, which has recently specialized in low-start and stabilized mortgage products.

Protection system fails to register suspensions

## Watchdog secrecy means more risk for investors

said that the business he did

bra, which has 8,010 mem-

bers, refused to discuss the

Dale-Greaves case, but said

that 24 out of the association's

76 current suspensions are

private and date back no more

circumstances which Fimbra

would see as justifying a

Where a company is unable

to meet its financial resources

requirements, but is handling

• Where a firm is struggling,

but has prospects of being

taken over;

• Where a firm has unwit-

tingly employed a crook and

• Where a firm bas fallen

behind with its financial

take the clients' interests into

account first and those of the

business second, said the

spokeswoman. She added: "In

some cases there is a real

danger of clients being prej-

udiced by publicity," instanc-

ing half a dozen takeovers

where potential white knights

might have been scared off by

learning of the private sus-

Private suspensions are also

possible at Imro (the Invest-

ment Management Regu-

latory Organization), where

Mr James Eakins said it was

more usual for firms to volun-

teer to reduce their operations

once a problem was pointed

But both the Securities

Association and Lautro (the

Life Assurance and Unit Trust

Regulatory Organisation) say

Although Lautro's rulebook

they publish all suspensions.

allows for private reprimands.

In all cases, Fimbra would

reporting to the association.

She described four sets of

than four to six weeks.

private suspension;

clients satisfactorily;

dismissal;

"regulated".

by some of the bodies respon- authorized while privately sible for running it. They are suspended, Miss Myra Kingsuspending member firms without telling investors.

during that time might not be For nearly two years, investors have been led to believe covered by the scheme since it might not be classed as that they could avoid dealing with unsound businesses simply by checking the status of a firm or person on the Securities and Investment Board's central register.

But the secret procedures of regulators, including the SIB, have made such precautions

Central register entries show whether a business has full or interim authorization and record the self-regulatory organization to which it

Investors have been advised to steer clear of interim authorized firms, which are not covered by the Investors Compensation Scheme if they fail. The SIB listed 57 of these companies or individuals at the end of March, and a spokesman said that "a goodly proportion" of them might be in the appeals procedure. This means that, after two years of unsuccessful attempts to gain making the most of their rights of appeal and remain in business while doing so.

However, reassurance from the central register that a firm is fully authorized can be worth little if the regulatory body in charge happens to believe in suspending mempers secretly.

A year ago, Mr Denis Dale-Greaves, of Exeter, was privately barred from taking on new business by Fimbra (the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association). But he continued operating unauthorized client accounts, remaining apparently unstained on the central register until halted by a Fimbra injunction last month.

About 100 people are trying to trace about £1.6 million they claim to have invested through Mr Dale-Greaves.

AN element of Russian rou- The ICS may be unable to Miss Julia Liesching said that lette has been introduced into help. Although Mr Dale- if a member was prohibited the investor protection system. Greaves remained officially from taking on business through a particular source. this fact would always be

horn, the ICS chief executive, published. But the SIB came down on the side of secrecy. A spokeswoman said: "I don't think we have ever said whether we have had any secret suspen-A spokeswoman for Fim- sions and I don't think we would ever say."

However, she conceded: "I suppose it does devalue the central register in a minor way, but it is always going to be a relatively small proporwhere there is an unofficial suspension not mentioned." • The Solicitors Complaints Bureau, which helps monitor the 6.800 solicitors firms authorized to give financial advice, had to step in on 10 occasions last year, and has issued a warning of more

problems in 1950. Savers can check that a firm is authorized by asking to see its Investment Business Cert-

The Law Society has received a growing number of reports about solicitors practising without the certificate. As many as 338 queries were dealt with last year, and action was taken on

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## they will be given a limit on the amount

A RUSH for low-start mortgages is on the cards because the Building Societies Commission is set to impose a limit on the number of low-cost loans that societies can offer each year.

mortgage business of many smaller lenders. While standard mortgage rates are at a high, some small societies are doing 50 per cent and more of their mortgage business in the form of low-szer loans.

blication of a consultation document

Low-start loans allow borrowers to

endential note on capital adequacy for societies making riskier loans, requiring them to add to their reserves. It also issued a warning that "exposure limits"

money owed on the mortgage.

1990, many smaller societies would already have passed the limit for the year and might only be able to offer standard mortgage products for the remaining three quarters. The commission has fixed-rate loans, fearing that they might

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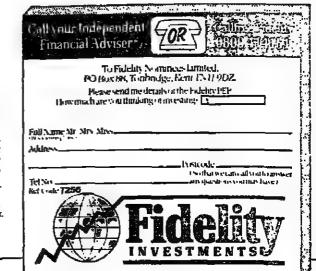
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## Facing up to choices of saving

THE boom in building society accounts which pay interest gross is good news for nontaxpayers, but has left them with a vast number of choices.

Miss Kathryn Deane, editor of Building Society Choice, has issued a warning to savers not to pick an account just because it pays more interest. She said: "A lot depends on an individual's circumstances: how much tax-free allowances they have left, and how much they are investing."

The newsletter has developed a service which compares a saver's tax status against the best accounts. It is even though they look good on paper. The first reason for this free to subscribers for a limited period. (Tel: 04493-287). is that they do not pay the

How GA Peps up mortgages By Jon Ashworth WHEN asked how they want to repay their mortgages, most record advisers are nervous of

commissions involved.

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borrowers choose endowment selecting them yet for clients. policies. With-profit endow-There is also a political ments are popular because so problem. The Labour Party many people already have has indicated it might replace them, and financial advisers Peps with a more limited and institutions like to recomscheme or abolish them almend them because of the together. Borrowers could wonder if it is worth taking out It takes courage to tackle a new-look plan just to cancel endowments head-on, but this it in two years' time. is what General Accident Life

Mr Des Waddington, GA's will do when it launches a new development manager, thinks it is a risk worth taking. Just to range of personal equity plans A Pep mortgage is at the make sure, GA will allow its forefront of GA's package. But Pep mortgage-holders to such plans have yet to prove switch into an endowment attractive to homebuyers, plan free of charge if the worst

"We'll certainly be stressing the investment risks along

plan-holders will still be left with two or three years of taxfree saving."

GA wants to offer the Peps alongside its endowment and repayment mortgages, which are already sold through its 600 estate agencies. GA is tied to four building societies - the Newcastle, Cheshire, Derbyshire and Mornington — and it deals with 7,000 independent brokers on a regular basis.

Mr Waddington may consider the example of Dominion Investment Management, which has been selling Pep mortgages since 1987. It will not say how many have been sold, only that 70 per cent of Pep sales last year were mortgage-related.

Pep-holders would have to save about £30 a month to pay offa £30,000 mortgage over 25 years, assuming annual

brokers, and with a short track change of government. But ments, which would require substantial earnings abroad. record advisers are nervous of even if Peps are abolished, nearer £50 a month to pay off GANDA which is managed the same amount at present

> The balance also tilts in favour of Pep mortgages when it comes to commission. GA endowment holders pay 67 per cent of their first year's premiums alone in commission. The amount falls from then on, settling at 2.5 per cent a year in renewal commission for most of the

For Peps, the picture is far more simple. Commission is charged at 3 per cent for each contribution for the whole of the term - £1.50 for each £50 in regular savings. The fer endowments to Peps.

The GA Pep can be linked growth of 10.5 per cent. This national Portfolio, which se- year.

same rate of commission to with the threat posed by a compares well with endow- lects five UK shares with

GANDA, which is managed by Edinburgh Fund Managers, refers household names like Hanson, Glaxo and Rolls-Royce. But it also invests in the likes of Cariton Communications, which has seen its shares halve in value in a matter of months.

The Pep has an initial charge of 5.75 per cent and an annual management charge of 1.5 per cent, or 1 per cent for unit trust only plans. The dealing charge for shares is only 0.25 per cent - well below many rivals.

GA is trying to establish itself in the savings and investamount is so small that it is ments market, and it hopes hardly surprising advisers pre- the launch of the new Pep range will help. The minimum investment in a stand alone to either the GANDA unit GA Pep is £30 a month or trust, which invests in UK, £1,000 as a lump sum, up to

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## EC capital threat

By Jon Ashworth

EUROPEAN proposals on £32,000, whether they handle capital adequacy may be the death knell for independent financial advisers in Britain, according to the British Insurance & Investment Brokers' Association.

Mr David Palmer, the association's chairman, told its annual conference, in Jersey this week, that proposals to raise the required levels of capital would probably deci-mate the small independent financial advice sector.

The European Community has proposed that advisers should have capital of at least tended the conference.

money for clients or not. The new level would be way

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beyond the mesns of most independent brokers, many of whom work from home on

Mr Palmer said that it would be "out of all proportion" to the risks involved. The provisions would not affect advisors dealing only in

life assurance and pensions, but would affect the growing number who deal in unit

More than 600 people at-

Mondial Assistance has added a legal helpline to its insurance package for frequent travellers - without raising premiums. The Ambassador 1990 package includes cover for medical expenses, wintersports insuance for up to 17 days, and help if cash or documents are lost. A year's protection costs £70 for Europe and £120 worldwide. A more extensive package is offered at a higher price. Motoring insurance is

The Cheitenbarn & Gioucester Building Society has been granted approval in principle to set up a Guerusey subsidiary, which it expects to be able to offer an instant access account from June. Members of the society will vote on the proposal this month.

dso available.

The Woolwich Building Society has launched a gross investment bond paying up to 15 per cent. The bond, which requires a minimum investment of £2,500, allows no withdrawals until after May 1 next year. .

■ The Norwich & Peterborough Building Society has re-launched its flaced interest oneyear bond, which will give non-taxpayers the chance to have their interest paid gross if they are able to self-certify that they are non-taxpayers. The interest rate is 11.33 per cent net or 15.1 per cent when paid gross. It has a minimum investment of £5,000. Access to money is available with 50

Barciays Bank is to relaunch its higher interest savings accounts on May 1 with the option of monthly interest. Capital Advantage, the 30-day notice account, will pay 11.4 per cent net on sums over £50,000. The Higher Rate Deposit Account will offer four interest rate tiers from 9 per cent to 10.25 per cent.

People who do not pay their bills may end up on the Register of County Count ludgments more quickly. Un-til recently, debtors had a month in which to pay their bills before being registered. From this month, all uscontested indgements will be registered at once. Banks and credit card companies use the register to check the credit history of new costomers.

Perpetual has issueched a new line of personal equity plans which allow for the recent Budget changes. The Perpetual Growth and Income

scheme. Regular unit trust Pen savings start at £20 a month.

Middend Bank opens its first stare shop in the City on Monday, allowing instant buying and selling of 750 different shares. The shop, the tenth to be opened in Midland branches, will be the first to offer a screen-based dealing service. It will open from 9.30mm to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Commission starts at 1.5 per cent on share deals worth up to £7,000. The menimum charge is £20.

Abtrest Management, the Aberdeen unit trust group, has taken in £5 million from new Pep investors since launching its Peps in February. Abtrust's For East Emerging Economics Fund was the most popular of the four funds available through the Pep. The European Fund has also proved popular. The Far Eastern fund was top of the unit trust league in 1988 and 1969.

for first-time buyers from Birmingham Midshires shaves 2 per cent off the society's interest rate for the first six mouths of the loan. To cut costs further, the loan is being repaid over 40 years rather than 25. The longer term could save £71.50 a month for the first six months on a £40,000 rensyment mornanc. For non-taxpayers, the society has faunched an investment account paying 15.75 per cent on £2,500. The interest will be paid after April 6, 1991, when consposite rate tax will be abolished.

Yorkshire Building Society's new offshore subsidiary opened for business this week. Yorkshire Guernsey's grosspaying account, Offshore Key, pays interest at 15 per cent on £15,000 or more, and 14.5 per cent on smaller amounts. The minimum opening deposit is £5,000 and the maximum is £250,000. Money can be with-drawn immediately with the loss of 90 days interest. Withdrawals after three months' notice are free of

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## **FAMILY MONEY**

## Benefit by putting life policy under auctioneer's hammer

PEOPLE surrendering an endowment policy before it has matured can usually expect to lose money. Insurance com-panies deliberately set surrender values low to dissuade policyholders from cashing in

But the continuing property market slump, coupled with high mortgage interest rates, is persuading many people to cut their monthly outgoings by cashing in an endowment

They can do better if they sell the policy either at auction or to a specialist agent who will then sell it on to a buyer. Mr Christopher Dobie, founder director of Beale Dobie, the second hand life policy specialist, estimated that the average price paid at auction - after commission is deducted - was 12 per cent more than the surrender

There are many reasons for selling an endowment policy. Sometimes the policyholder has sold their property, leav-ing a redundant endowment. They may divorce, leaving an policies from the best nawanted policy written in performing life offices are unwanted policy written in joint names. Or they may simply need the money.

Companies like Policy Port- chairman of Policy Network, folio, Policy Network and said: "We accept policies from Beale Dobie buy policies and the top 20 to 30 companies. then sell them on when they find a buyer.

H F Foster and Cranfield, the auctioneer, does not buy policies in its own name, but sells endowments as lots at its

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consider certain types of policy for sale. Generally, only

Mr Malcolm Postgate, the top 20 to 30 companies. We have to ask whether the company is going to be around and able to pay its terminal bomuses in 10 or 20 years'

Policies which have been

some down, only if they had been misled or badly ad-

Mr Ian O'Brian, the ombud-

man's assistant, points out

that this year's largest award -

£20,000 - went to a unit-

1987 crash after a portfolio

mediaries Managers and Bro-

kers Regulatory Association,

which rejects any complaints arising before the July, 1988,

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ment into unit trusts.

price as they have been going long enough to collect yearly bonuses. There is little point in trying to sell a policy which has been running for less than five years as it will fetch no

more than its surrender value. Unit-linked policies are anacceptable to Policy Portfolio, Policy Network and Beale Dobie. Foster & Cranfield say these policies are rarely

Unlike with-profits policies, they have no bonuses attached egular sales.

But all say they will only of their turns will fine a better underlying investments in the not sell.

cies can get a good deal, particularly if they were likely to find it difficult to take out a policy secured on their own life. Although the buyer of an endowment pays the premiums and gets the advantage of benefits, the policy continues to be secured on the original owner's life.

Buyers in high risk catepories for insurance purposes, such as people with heart disease or those thought to be at risk from Aids, can benefit from a policy on a healthy life. The downside is that the policy cannot be linked to a mortgage without taking out extra-term assurance because it is not secured on the new

Anyone buying a second hand policy should make sure that first rights to the proceeds of the policy are not assigned to anyone else, particularly a mortgage lender or a bank. Companies selling policies should check that policies are clear of any assigments.

• Further details can be ob-

But some of the gain made on the sale above the surrender tained by contacting the following companies: Policy Portfolio, Wellington House, 270 Watford Way, NW4 (01pie, charges 6.5 per cent to sellers who approach directly, but can take as much as 12.5 203 7221); Policy Network, 16 Rood Lane, EC3 (01-929 2971); Beale Dobie, 3, The Friars, Friars Lane, Maldon, per cent if sellers come via a proker as the broker carns a 3 Essex (0621-851133) and Fos-Foster & Cranfield charges ter & Cranfield, 20 Brittan one third of the difference Street, EC1 (01-608 1941).

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> PRIVATE investors in Britain

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Dealings in the Fleming European Fledgeling Invest-ment Trust, previously lim-ited to institutions and private

investors living abroad, are due to start on Tuesday. It will

issue shares and warrants to

acquire £40 million worth of

net assets in the Jersey fund,

which has been trading since

Ashworth writes).

a £50 auction charge, However, Mr Bill Weston, a partner, pointed out there would

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## Neglected unit trust watchdog hunts for wrongs to put right

THE unit trust combudaman, complaints arising before the Mr Adrian Parsons, has catabilishment of his boreau in Mr Adrian Parsons, has plunged into what looks like a October, 1988, and will con-desperate battle to save his sider claims for loss of invest-office from extraction at the ment value. hands of the minority of unit

With a case load reputedly struggling to reach a double-recent years centred around digit figure this year, Mr the crash of October, 1987, Parsons admits that he needs. to attract more complaints, as . well as to persuade more unit trist companies to join the loss of investment value if the ombudsman scheme. So, far, salesman promised that there only 60 out of a possible 160 would be considerable growth

to express great willingness to take on cases that other complaints procedures would

Most notably, Mr Parsons says that he will consider

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plaints he receives to Fimbra and the investment referee it holder who lost money in the shares with the Investment Managers Regulatory Organ-

management company put what it later acknowledged Mr Parsons, however, inwas too much of his investsists that the only time restriction in his terms of reference is Mr Parsons said that he that there must be no more would not be able to deal with than six months between the complaints about indepenfinal letter from a unit trust dent intermediaries. These company rejecting a claim and the unitholder's complaint to would have to be passed to Fimbra, the Financial Inter-

> He adds that people who have missed this deadline could easily write to the company again and bring the complaint "back into time."

"It is my idea that it could be done," he says, "No one has done it, but who says what is the final answer? Anyone who really had their wits about them would produce a new point, so that the company could not just refer back

to a past rejection." In his attempts to expand his complaints base, Mr Parsons says that he is willing to take on additional work "in an analogous field," by which he means the unit trusts' old enemy, investment trusts, assuming they are allowed to start selling off the page and

vice for investment trusts is to

be launched next month by Sharelink, a subsidiary of

trust line will make available

all the 230 investment trusts

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Mr David Jones, the chief executive, said: "We are add-

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"If anything like that did take place, and there were scope for someone to keep a balance between the consumer and the company producing the investment product, naturally I would not say no to the suggestion," he said, adding that the decision would rest with the board of the insurance ombudsman's bureau, which also oversees the

mut trest amba Mr David Glasgow, of Kleinwort Benson, a member of the insurance ombudsman's board, said that it was working hard on finding a solution to Mr Parsons's

"The problem is that it is costing companies to belong and there are other complaints procedures available that they have already paid for, so there is a financial disincentive to

join," he said.

Mr Parsons remains optimistic. Lately, his office has been kept busy dealing with complaints about non-members, which have been taken also as an opportunity to sell the ombudsman scheme to those companies.

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link's usual commission rates

which start at £17.50 a deal.

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A spokeswoman for the

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Trust Companies said it received a large number of calls

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She said the association had

been in talks with Sharelink

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## Holiday from blame ends for tour groups

PACKAGE holidaymakers who bave an accident quite unconnected with their holiday will soon be able to ask the tour operator for money and help in seeking compensation.

Even if the injury or illness is caused by somebody for whom the tour operator has ( no responsibility - such as a restaurant in another resort the travel company must nevertheless help the holidaymaker sue the person, according to new rules.

If the tour operator's supplier - a hotel or a coach company - is at fault, the holidaymaker can sue the tour operator directly through the British courts.

The new rules are part of a revised code of conduct for tour operators which are members of the Association of British Travel Agents, The code is designed to anticipate a directive from the European Commission now being considered by Brussels.

The changes apply to any holiday booked from brochures for skiing and winter sun holidays starting from November 1, although some tour operators have included them with this summer's

Mr Keith Betton, public affairs manager for ABTA, admitted they were surprised that tour operators agreed to take responsibility for ac-cidents which were beyond their control. He said: "Under our code, tour operators are no longer allowed to disclaim responsibility. If it is one of their suppliers, then they must take on the responsibility, even if it was not their fault."



restaurant down the road from your hotel which was totally unconnected with the and bad food made you ill, so long as you can link the evidence with the restaurant, you can go to your tour operator and ask for financial

Mr Martin Brackenbury, a director of Thomson Travel, said: "In the past, there have been disputes arising between clients and operators as to whether or not something that they did was something which was recommended by us or not. To overcome the problem, we have to identify as

assistance to sue the

which are part of the package. But we will assist with a personal injury claim if it arises outside the description of the package." ABTA's aim is to make tour

operators more responsible for monitoring the local firms

It also hopes that suppliers will be more careful knowing that, rather than tourists complaining to them, it will be

the tour operators trying to recoup compensation paid out

Until now, if a holidaymaker tripped over an hotel's frayed carpet and broke a leg, the tour operator could deny responsibility and leave the customer to sort it out with the hotel manager. Now, if someone mined a coat by sitting on a dirty coach seat while transferring from the airport to the hotel, the tour operator must help reclaim

the cost of the damage. But tour operators will be able to refuse if they do not believe the costomer has a

In theory they can pay up if precisely as we can those items the tourist is claiming because he has no holiday insurance to fall back on. In practice, tour operators usually insist that customers have insurance before they leave, although this does not always have to be their own package product.

The ABTA code says that tour operators must provide up to £5,000 per booking for initial legal fees. But they are

sequently, many tour op-erators are including legal expenses insurance as part of the package insurance which they sell through brochures. Other tour operators have taken a block policy for

Legal expenses insurance provides up to £5,000 worth of advice, guidance and financial help per person for pursuing a claim against someone unconnected with the tour op-

Package holiday insurance is written by a few large ing Norwich Union, Bishopsgate and Home & Overseas, which is part of Eagle Star. The legal expenses element is provided by specialist in-

Mr Michael Jacobs, assis tant general manager of Home & Overseas, said: "The basic legal expenses cover allows a person to pursue a claim for compensation and damages for personal injury against third parties, provided you have a valid claim, but not against the travel agent or tour operator."

If you want to sue the tour operator for the negligence of one of his suppliers, you have to pay for this yourself. But it easier to pursue a claim seainst the holiday company in the British courts than to seek compensation from a foreign hotelier or coach

Holidaymakers starting summer holiday after May I have new protection as well. Tour operators must reply initial legal fees. But they are allowed to reclaim the cost after a holiday or they could from holidaymakers who have be fined up to £200 by ABTA.

# When a payout is not a dividend

By Lindsay Cook SHAREHOLDERS in the Rights and Issues Investment Trust had their dividend

cheques returned marked ONTP at the beginning of the month, with no explanation being offered. One of the 850 shareholders telephoned Discretionery Unit Fund Managers, bet

could not get an answer, so he contacted Family Money. He has held shares for more than 20 years and never before has a bank refused to pay the

dividend warrant He did not even know that the initials stood for "Ordered Not To Pay". He said: "I have never

heard of such a thing. I look on the dividend warrant at Cold. I could have spent it with dire A spokesman for Dis-

cretionary Unit Fund Managers said the trust's registrars had made an error in paying the final dividend on March

It had included both the interim and final dividend, a total of 6.5p per share, instea of the 4.90 that was due;

The spokesman said: "We only found out when the letters were posted out and the best course was to put a stop on all the cheques.

"By now, everyone in-volved should have received a and enclosing a replacement cheque. They have been told that any bank charges in-curred because of the mistake will be refunded."

He added: "It was purely an negrative error. Seme of our shareholders have the dividends mandated to their

"The banks contacted the clients when the payment was stopped, but have not contacted them to tell them the replacement cheque has been sent. We've had to make a few elephone calls to the banks." -He could not say how many reholders and how many

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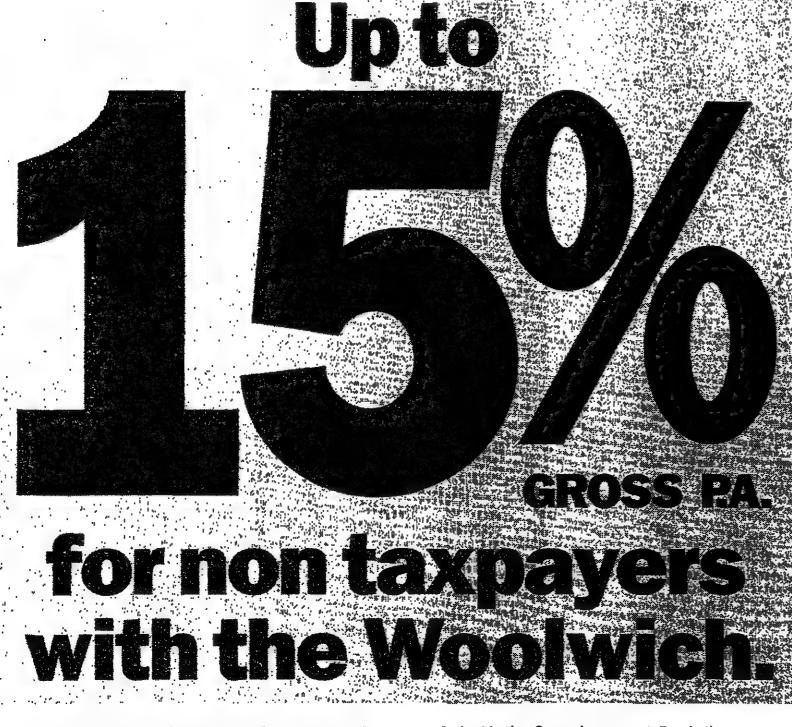
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## Shelter for inheritance

daughter and do so in instalments of £3,000 each for a given number of years.

Thus, over a period of say 10 years, we could assign £60,000. No money would change hands, and the transaction would be on paper in the form of a legal document, duly signed, witnessed and sealed. We would remain in beneficial occupation of the property and we would not be paying rent for the part value

I know that we can make annual tax free gifts of £3,000 each to our daughter (and

Sir, I was surprised recently to usually refers to gifts of cash. house, the gifts would not be this would have to be a full be told by a solicitor that we Frankly, I am still doubtful unencumbered and would not market rent and you might could each assign part of the and I wonder what specialist therefore count as a reduction find this unacceptable. value of our house to our advice you can offer on this in your estates. particular point.

> Yours sincerely, North Yorkshire.

It is certainly possible under property law to transfer a part of the value of your house in the way that you suggest Obviously care would have to be taken in drafting the necessary doc--umentation.

However, your proposal would not be effective for inheritance tax purposes as it would constitute what is known technically as a "gift with reservation".

Because you and your wife I have always thought that this, would continue to live in the

If however, you and your be for you and your wife to wife paid rent to your daughter for the continued occupation of each £3,000 portion after it was made over, there would be no reservation attaching to the original gift of that portion and it would be immediately exempt from inheritance tax.

Fixing the market rent applicable to each portion would need specialist advice to avoid challenge by the Revenue.

in which you might overcome this problem would be for you and your wife to gift the whole property to your daughter and then to pay her rent while you

ship of the house would then be shared between the surviving spouse and your daughter. There would need to be an

Another way forward could

revise your wills so that each

share to your daughter.

of you leaves his or her half

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understanding that your daughter would allow the survivor to continue to live in the house so long as he or she wished. This could lead to potential difficulties in the future which you might prefer

This is a potential minefield of legal and tax difficulty and specialist professional advice is essential.

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fore five years have expired PAUL R RAWSON. Springwood,

I would like to clarify one point of general application. The capital gains tax exemption to which you refer at the beginning of your letter only applies to the first disposal (outside the five-

sued after March 18, 1986. For disposals of shares, which do not qualify for the issued before March 19, 1986, Can a BES investment be any chargeable gain is com-transferred to one's wife be- puted by reference to the

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original cost on issue (ie without taking account of any income tax relief allowed) plus the usual allowance for indexation. The same rule applies to shares disposed of during the

five-year period when there will also be the income tax clawback to take into account. Subject to this, the legislation is designed to ensure that BES investments may be transferred from husband to wife or vice versa without any tax penalty at that point and,

in particular, without jeop-

ardizing the CGT exemption. The transferee spouse is treated for all practical purposes as stepping into the shoes of the transferor. Thus

#### Tax inequality From Mr E. Broadwell

Sir, My recommendation to Mrs 1 Christopher (Letters April 7) is to hang on in there. When her husband dies, not only will she be entitled to the full married couples' al-lowance for the tax year in which he dies, but also for the

ever, there is no such luck for me in my post-bereavement tax year. The loss of my dear wife is just as great as any widow's husband, but the taxman decides otherwise. Yet another discriminatory situation, this time making women more equal. Yours faithfully

EDWARD BROADWELL, The Spinney, Little Shire,

## Driving down the cheapest routes to green card travel

key ingredient of travel kits for motorists taking a trip to the Continent. But such cover notes can add £20 or more to the holiday bill—with a few

exceptions. Guardian Royal Exchange and Commercial Union issue free green cards for motor policyholders visiting Europe. GRE makes no charge for the card for trips of up to three months. Commercial Union

waives the charge for 31 days. Royal Insurance has followed the trend by offering free green cards for up to 35

It has also improved its second-year no-claim discount and introduced new discounts for policyholders who restrict cover to named

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GREEN cards have become a Community since any car insured in Britain is automatically covered to the minimum. Alliance costs £11 for five days standard abroad.

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# Clearing the name of a lifeboat 'cheat'

A stubborn legend of injustice has surrounded the man who claims to have invented the lifeboat. Now, as Brian James

reports, the myth may be put to rest

wo hundred years ago the collier Adventure was caught between the twin perils of the Black Herd Sand shoals, which guard the mouth of the Tyne. For two days, while relatives and friends watched helplessly from a few hundred yards away, the ship fought against the gale which pressed her inexorably to her end. "The Master, Strachan, and seven Perished," the local Chron-icle reported. "To see the poor

Sufferers fleeing from Mast to Mast", it added, "would have melted an adamantine Heart."

So, indeed, would the sequel, which became a tale of intrigue and jealousy, of shipwrecking and the bosun's lash, and the rivalry of two much-contrasting men worthy of the best sort of bad Victorian writing, to be unfolded in full only now.

The Adventure tragedy on that Sunday morning in March 1789, the latest of many at the northern end of a sea lane which was the M! of its day, prompted action. A self-appointed committee of Tyne shipowners and gentry, meeting at Lawes House coffee-room, offered a reward of two guineas for a Plan of a Boat, capable of containing 24 Persons and cal-culated to go through a very shoal, heavy broken Sea. The Intention of it being to preserve the Lives of Seemen, from Ships coming ashore

decided no entry met this need, would not be paid. Instead, it offered one guinea "compensation for his trouble" to the maker of an unusual boat, William Would-have, a South Shields handyman.

In Wouldhave's later words: said, because I was Second. Then said I, Gentlemen, who is First? There was no reply. I took the Guinea and gave it to Mr Teasdale [a committee member] saying, 'Set this to my account, for I do not mean to pocket this'."

Wouldhave's words, springing from the stiff-backed independence of South Shields men, have rung down the years in Geordie lore. But if his rejection was sad, worse followed. The committee commissioned Henry Greathead, a rival who was also said to have submitted a model, though no details remain, to build a lifeboat to their suggestion.

That boat, when unveiled amid shocked whispers, was claimed to incorporate all the best features of Wouldhave's design. None the less, and surely against all justice, Greathead went on to become famous as The Inventor of the Original, was rewarded handsomely by parliament, even given diamonds by foreign royalty. Wouldhave died in poverty.

The incident has been sustained by bitter legend, found in often-garish form in locally kilned porcelain mugs and plaques, busts of the "cheated inventor" to fill municipal niches and, most famously, as a subject for the eminent Victorian painter Ralph Hedley, who portrayed Wouldhave and his boat bathed in the beatific golden light of inspired genius.

It is a marvellous and melodramatic tale which suffers only from being, in those details which prove Wouldhave The Wronged Man, and cast Greathead as his

Cheat, almost entirely wrong. The truth emerges at the 200th anniversary of the launching of Greathead's Original - which marks the birth, too, of Britain's coast-long tradition of self-sac-





rifice which both preceded and then flowed from the formation in 1824 of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, whose volunteers, at last count, have saved more than 118,000 lives.

New evidence has been produced as a result of detective work by Adrian Osler, a senior museum officer in Newcastle and a specialist in maritime history. Given the task of setting up the

Original bicentenery celebration, he began by "being suspicious of the Wouldhave legend. Why? Because boats aren't invented. They evolve. No one leapt from a bath yelling "Eureka" because he had just dreamed up the coracle. That probably started as a raft".

Mr Osler found, at once, that many of the claims for Wouldhave, such as that he had suggested the use of cork in the construction in an attempt to create a self-righting capability, were non-sense. "Greathead had cork in his design. But he did not get it from Wouldhave; cork had been patented by another man four years before, Self-righting? Not in Greathead's design, nor in any other lifeboat for another 60 years. And Wouldhave wanted a metal boat. A great idea, but years before its time. Greathead built in wood." Mr Osler grew more



Original, which caused such controversy, is an exact copy of the Moses Boat, used extensively in the Caribbean.

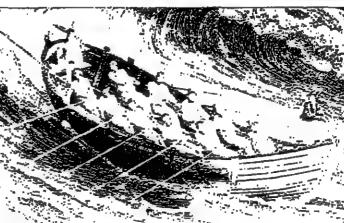
fit for a G.A. Henty adventure Mr Osler's research pointed to story. A Yorkshireman, Greatthe solution of another mystery: where did Greathead get the money to begin boatbuilding? "He came out of the Navy with nothing; I and was soon shipwrecked in Calais. Another ship took him to saw the records of his purchases on board ship. He had little left from his 30 shillings (£1.50p) monthly wage." But Mr Osler also found, at Lloyd's, a clear hint that prisoner exchange, and promptly pressed into the Royal Navy. Several warships later, after taking part in sea battles, witnessa Henry Greathead had been rewarded after he had "assisted in detecting a peculiarly impudent case of fraudulent stranding". Mr Osler thinks it is likely that "spilling the beans" to Lloyd's about his own shipwreck in France, one of the frequent incidents of deliberate wrecking had earned

Greathead his start-up capital.
But it was Greathead's letters to
the Duke of Northumberland, his patron for the building of a second lifeboat, that persuaded Mr Osler that Greathead's designs were all his own work. "These letters discussed modifications as they occurred to him, or as he saw them necessary. Remember, this was an entirely new concept: a boat that did not have to find room for nets, fish cargo or ferry-passengers; the first boat that had only one

standard to meet: its sea-keeping." The correspondence showed Greathead to be a man of intelligence and ingenuity, with a flex-ible mind and the ability to adapt. He was just the sort of man with the skills and imagination to pull together all he had seen or heard about small boats - and assemble, rather than invent, the principles of the Original.

These letters, Mr Osler says, also showed a man who "knew his place, but also very much knew his value. He could have lived as happily in the 1990s as the 1790s: he was a dedicated self-publicist, a media man. In the newspaper reports of the time, his own phrases and descriptions frequently occur word for word, particularly after that day in January 1790 when the Original, 'designed by H. Greathead', saved its first life. You dont need two guesses to know who was first on to the papers with that tip". As a result, by the early 19th century

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derived lifeboat battles through raging seas (above) to aid a dismasted brig straining at anchor off Sunderland harbour. Painting (circa 1840) Dejection: William Wouldhave (far left), who claimed to have invented the first purpose-built lifeboat, and his model. Painting (circa 1890) by Raiph Hedley. Fame: Henry Greathead (centre), who is credited with designing the first lifeboat, the Original (left), which needed 10 oarsmen to power it through heavy seas.



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## Romantic heroine of the shipwreck

network of Greathead lifeboats was becoming less effective. Funds for maintenance were frequently unavailable and organization was often haphazard, except on the northeast coast, where the life-saving service was maintained.

Then, in 1838, the exploits of Grace Darling helped revive public interest in lifeboats. One September night, the passenger

steamship Forfarshire, on a journey from the Humber to Dundee, was driven in stormy seas on to Great Harcar Rock, off the Farne Islands. At first light Grace, the 22-year-old daughter of the lighthouse keeper on Longstone island, spotted the wreck and alerted her father, William Darling. They could see a few survivors on the rock and, as there was no possibility of the mainland lifeboat putting to sea in such weather, they decided to set off in their own small rowing boat. On the first



trip, father and daughter rescued five people, and on a second journey, Mr Darling and two of the men who had just been rescued were able to bring four more of the ship's

convinced when he left aside the

boats and began to delve into the

men's lives. Greathead's was often

lurid; here indeed was a character

head sailed from the Tyne in 1778,

the Caribbean. He was on his way

to Nova Scotia at the time of the

American War of Independence

when his ship was captured by a privateer. He was freed in a

ing the infamous incident when

the Americans captured and hanged a senior British officer,

and being given two dozen lashes

for drunkeness, Greathead came

back to the Tyne to begin work as

"A hectic seagoing life," Mr Osler says. "But the significance of it is this: during those years

Greathead would have seen scores

of different sorts of everyday

boats: we know he saw them used to land prisoners and take off refugees from the shore in the

American war, saw them used to

carry cargo through the surf in the

West Indies. It is no coincidence

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passengers to safety.

Grace became a national heroine, with reports of her bravery described lavishly in the newspapers. In gratitude, the public collected and gave her £700, which included £50

from Queen Victoria. Her death from consumption four years later added poignant durability to her status, and her picture was used extensively to advertise products such as chocolates, soaps and mustard. More importantly, she gave new impetus to the lifeboat service, and in 1850 a competition for a new lifeboat design was sponsored by Algernon, Duke of Northumberland. This produced the classic shape with covered areas at either end, which survived in principle for about 100 years.

## THE NED SHERRIN COLUMN

# Desert mystic got the hump

: Easter I became a judge. Vot. you understand, in the style of Judge Pickles or the "Girls-who-sayno-may-not-mean it" man. No. I was following in the tootsteps of Ospert Sitwell, Compton Mackenzie, Harold Nicholson, David Cecil, J. B. Priestley, V. S. Pritchett, L. P. Hartley, and John Betteman.

In other words, I was judging the four 1989 editions of The Old Laay of Threadneedle Street, the staff magazine of the Bank of England.

Sitwell was the first adjudicator, back in 1950. Fortunately this lavish and lively quarterly is less concerned with the Exchange Rate Mechanism and the Floating Pound than with intriguing features entuied. "How to stretch an exec-utive": "Pop and rock": "Gay all the Same": "Teaching the Queen of Spain to Charleston" and a profile of Lawrence of Arabia.

Here I was surprised that the author seems unaware of Lawrence's Bank of England near-

In November 1934, Montagu Norman. Governor of the bank, conceived the idea that El Aurens would make an excellent Secretary of the bank. Never having met Laurence. Norman asked Francis Rodd, later Lord Rennell, to act as

intermediary.

Lawrence refused the offer graciously but firmly, presumably on the grounds that it was easier for a camel to pass through the eye of Threadneedle Street than for a desert mystic to chain himself to a

THERE'S always room on television for a new impressionist -Mike Yarwood, early Lenny Henry, Rory Bremner, Bobby Davro.

I am offering a new up-market one to BBC2 for one of those 30minute slots so popular with exponents of the genre. Mind you, my star may be hard to persuade and he will not come cheap.

I found him at a Foyle's lunch. We had been celebrating Elena Salvoni's book about her life in

After lunch Keith Waterhouse and I withdrew to the Red Room at the Grosvenor House with Kingsley

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Amis. Two large glasses of Calvados and Amis was flowing.

Undoubtedly his best impersonation is Enoch Powell (not many impressionists do Enoch). Intonation is perfect, the impromptu script is exact and erudite, and the whole thing is spiced by a dash of impatience with the subject.

Our new star then demonstrated that once you can "do" John Mortimer you can also do Lord Longford and Archbishop Runcie. One vocal key unlocks all three.

His only failure was Ralph Richardson, studied at secondhand. My advice to his producer is keep Amis off theatricals. There is too rich a vein of real people for him

ONE OF the great joys of Easter weekending at Hickstead, apart from Christopher Biggins' technicolour waistcoats and a fashion-conscious young father pondering "What shall I wear to push Arabella's pram?", was the healing presence of Sky Television.

Deprived of my own dish I have been starved of live Test cricket from the West Indies. Here was a chance to assess how much of Vivian Richards' irascible behaviour can be traced to his recent painful complaint.

There is ample precedent for calling it by its proper name. When he was Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin went into hospital for what the Foreign Office spokesman delicately described as "an internal operation".

Bevin was not pleased with this euphemism. He said bluntly: "Call it piles, lad."

Noel Coward was similarly frank and fascinated. He was operated on two days before rehearsals began for This Year of Grace.

He was furious when the papers called it "a minor operation" and declared: "If that were a minor operation. I should have been far happier with a Caesarean."

MICHAEL FRAYN has happened upon a highly original and generous way of trying out his new plays. Look Look, which opened at the Aldwych this week (starring Stephen Fry and Robin Bailey), is a departure from a sketch he wrote for a charity gala in which Bailey

appeared some time ago. However, Frayn's first venture into this method of development dates back

On September 10 of that year, the Prince of Wales was guest of honour at a vast gala which Martin Tickner had arranged at Drury Lane. All the proceeds went to the Queen's Jubilee Appeal and the Combined Theatrical Charities Fund.

Distinguished playwrights were asked to contribute original sketches which had to have some connection, however distant, with a royal occasion

Frayn's far-fetched entry in the programme reads: "A special Jubilee glimpse behind-the-scenes at the All Star Jubilee Touring Produc-tion of Guess Who. Darling!

"The adaptors of this typically Ooh la la French farce into English from Georges Freyneau's Faut pas

arroser les fleurs avec ca, ma petite! say they chose it for Jubilee year because it was first performed in Paris in 1865, just three years after Queen Victoria's Silver Jubilee and exactly

112 years ago this November." Directed by Eric Thompson it started Edward Fox, Polly Adams, Dinsdale Landen, Patricia Routledge and Denis Quilley. It was a huge success.

The next morning the impresario Michael Codron rang Tickner and said he had heard how funny it was. Did Tickner think it would make a

play?
"Certainly not," was Martin's

Codron and Frayn disagreed. Removed from its period trappings. the sketch became the second act of Frayn's phenomenally successful farce, Noises Off.

Look Look, which did not receive

such a warm welcome at the Aldwych on Tuesday, pays more homage to the less commercial Pirandello and Franoni than to Feydeau but, after a hit like Noises Off, who would not be tempted to try the same route again?

HERE'S a good game, invented as far as I know on the spur of the moment by Sandy Toksvig who appeared on a recent edition of Loose Ends.

There must be a correct grammatical term for it but if there is I don't know it, so I call it Miss-Matches. I think it started because Ms Toksvig objected to being called a sex-kitten and didn't think the two

words went logically together.
Five minutes in The George after the show provided a fair crop of Miss-Matches. How about BBC Enterprises, Belgian Celebrity, Poor Andrew Lloyd Webber and Military Intelligence?

The engaging Emo Phillips suggested Coleslaw and Radiator, which is surreal but not quite in the

spirit of the game.

Later Ms Toksvig had to justify her final contribution - Channel Television. Apparently she actually appeared on Channel Television some time back and had found a cameraman who was in a state of

high excitement.
"We're breaking into drama next year," he boasted.



PETER McKAY

were.

f I were Dan Dare, I would be concerned about the publicity antics of Fleetway Publications who publish Eagle, the comic in which my adventures have appeared on and off for 40 years. First they decide I should have a wife, none other than Professor Jocelyn Peabody, my devoted scientific assistant. All for no other reason than to excite the prurient attention of newspapers. It is neither sensible nor decent to turn an interplanetary agent of justice into a family man, far less to burden him with a spouse who - prior to this unlikely metamorphosis - was engaged in sound, scientific work. Now they announce I have become a vegetarian and will wear a vulgar "combat suit" instead of my smart RAF-style uniform.

More ominously still, they have decreed that my inter-planetary activities should be focused on environmental problems. Are they turning Colonel Dan Dare into a figure of fun? If so, who is behind the plot? It requires no great stretch of the imagination to perceive that a stunt like this could only have emanated from one, large, green head - and I do not mean green in its new environmental sense.

The life of a comic character is never easy. We are slaves to the whim of writers and artists. Yet I think it important that my traditional qualities of bravery, steadfastness and patriotism are not watered-down with mushy ideas about international peace and



brotherhood. If the environment is under threat from nuclear waste, so be it; but let us be clear about the source of this and other evils. I refer of course to The Mekon. My long war with this fiend cannot be chluted by fashionable tomfoolery about the fouling of planets.

My pipe has been removed, an obvious oiling-up to the anti-smoking lobby. No doubt there is also a plan-to make me cat muesli for breakfast. They may even involve me in namby-pamby charity work, warning nippers about the dangers of smoking cigarettes. Any action which blurs the clarity of my public image. merely adds to the status and power of my enemies.

My chief problem is the idea that somehow I have "dated" and all the fine things for which I stand truth, courage, steadfastness etc - are the stock-intrade of every mocking comedian Johnny. The socalled editor of the Eagle, Barrie Tomlinson, said: "Dan Dare was always the traditional British stiff. upper lip type but that image is being updated. These days children want stories to be more true to life."

Oppycock. Children want no such thing. Publishers want it because this stuff is easier to write and "accessible" to a wider audience. A great character — I think 40 years at the top says something about a chap — never falls victim to fashion. When small boys become absorbed by Dan Dare they enter a world of clear-cut certainty. There will be plenty of time later to indulae in adult compromise. Mired in endless quartels with their womenfolk, they will recall with pleasure their uncomplicated days with Dan Dare.

One woman in every twelve is likely to suffer from breast cancer. Until now the treatment has involved major surgery which, unavoidably, leaves scars. Physical and mental. That's why a new technique pioneered by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's breast cancer unit at Guy's Hospital is of such crucial importance.

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of information and ideas

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throughout the country.

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For there's no organisation more-likely than

us to prove, once and for all, what is already the



GRAHAM WOOD

A CHILDHOOD: JOHN SULLIVAN

## 'It was a them and us attitude. Those who had school uniforms took O levels, and those of us in jeans didn't'

he trouble with tele vision is that it celebrates the puppets rather than the puppeteers Leading actors in popular television series quickly be-come household names and famous people, who appear on chat shows with other famous people from other television dramas, and whose images are used to sell everything from magazines to building societies.

.The writer in television is simost invariably a fairly anonymous figure. John Sullivan is such a writer. Over the past 10 years he has written something like 130 episodes of situation comedies, as well as numerous 90-minute frimed specials of his television series. At Christmas the Hollywood movies, bought at vast expense, are regularly trounced in the ratings by Mr Sullivan's films of Only Fools and Horses. He is brilliant but he is not very famous. His series - Citizen Smith, Just Good Friends, Dear John and particularly Only Fools And Horses - are superb examples of the human situation under the comic microscope. They work because each character is so finely

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If Mr Sullivan were a film maker, or writing for the theatre, he would be extremely famous. Lesser talents have become national treasures. But no one he knew had a tradition of going to the theatre in Balham, south London, where he grew up. Television and cinema were the workng man's culture and, in the complete absence of anything approaching a popular British film industry, television has been the

He was born in 1946, part of the post-war baby boom. His father, who had only returned from a German prisoner of war camp in 1945, said 1946 should have been called the Year of the Lion.

With a sister 13 years older When I came to write Only Fools and Horses, 1 made Delmuch older than Rodney because I wanted to do something about a much older than the other"), he grew up in a tough part of Balham.

His father worked mainly as a plumber and heating engineer on building sites, "although we never had central heating in our house". His mother was usually at home, although she did go out to work as

a char from time to time. His first school was a local primary where he won a poetry competition. His only experience of drama was when he stood in for



the wizard in the dress rehearsal of the school play without knowing the lines, and had to be prompted throughout the entire performance. He has never acted since.

Like many children from his background, he did what was expected of him and failed the 11-"I remember taking the exam, but it never seemed to matter if we passed or not because we were all going to work in factories anyway," he says. At his second school, a Balham secondary modern, there was only one lesson which held any interest. That was when an English teacher with a glass eye would read. Dickens to the class and act out the dialogue. "He was probably a frustrated actor but he made the words come alive." Today Mr Sullivan still reads Dickens and has a complete collection.

There was never any question that he would take any O levels. That had more or less been decided from the day he joined the school. "It was a them and us attitude. Those who had school uniforms took O levels, those of us in jeans didn't."

At 15 he left school with no qualifications and went off to be a messenger at the Reuters news agency in Fleet Street. "I went for various jobs. There was lots of choice. It was so different from today with kids fighting over one

He chose Reuters because his father had told him that if he got into the Press and got a union card

he would be made for life. By now he was beginning to realize that school had largely passed him by and he would spend much of his weekly wages on history books.

enough to know that I'd had little education: I used to buy all those Teach Yourself books - Maths, German, English. There was a German receptionist at one place I worked and she used to help me. I dearly wanted a second language. I never managed it, though." Bored with working in the commercial department of Reu-

ters, he threw away what his father would have considered a secure future by moving to the advertis-ing agency Collett, Dickinson and Pearce, again as a messenger. There was a bloke called David Puttnam. He had a college boy haircut and he was getting ahead. I only realized later in life that it was the same David Puttnam that made the films. He's probably direct out for years on once knowing me."

During a week's holiday, from the agency he went to work with a friend in the motor trade, cleaning cars at £20 a week. Since even his father had never earned much more than £12a week, this seemed a considerable fortune in the early Sixties and he decided to so into the second-hand car business.

As a career move it was almost certainly a mistake; but as a school-of-life experience for a future comedy writer it was invaluable. While dodgy dealers applied a beguiting concoction of oil, treacle and sawdust to worn crankshafts, he would be happily swapping batteries safe in the knowledge, that "the guv'nor would turn a blind eye if we didn't fiddle him too much".

Mr Sullivan did not know it, but Only Fools and Horses was already being conceived there in the motor trade, and also in the Hildreth Street market in Baiham where he had had a Saturday stall since his schooldays. "The charac-ters were incredible: fly pitchers, guys with sovereign rings and camel-haired coats. The whole atmosphere had a rich vein of

At 19 he made his first attempt at writing when a friend asked him to collaborate on a script about an polished, copper-piped Gents and leared for his livelihood when a modern one with Muzak opened down the street. "It was a terrific idea but not a good script, and the BBC turned it down."

For his partner, one rejection was enough. But John Sullivan had been bitten by the writing bug and for the next 10 years he continued to write and be rejected as he went through a succession of jobs - in a brewery, as a plumber's



mate, a lorry driver and a building a site labourer. At one time he even had a job cleaning the carpets in did the lot, from the chapel to the Commons and the Lords.

"In my spare time I used to make lists of possible characters and then I'd try to put one character with another totally happened. I'd also make little exercises for myself, deciding that I'd make a story up out of

when I opened up the newspaper."

In 1972 he met the girl who

would become his wife. She was

working as a secretary in the West

End and was earning more than he

was. By now he was becoming

interested in all kinds of comedy

and after seeing Mon Oncle he would drag her off to Hampstead

for Jacques Tati seasons at the

Everyman cinema. As a boy he

had gone miles to see a Laurel and

Hardy film, even if it was only

by Ray Connolly

whatever character was on, say, astonishment, he was given an

10-minute one-reeler. From where Mr Sullivan stood, seemed to be only one way into writing: so he applied to the BBC asking for any job at all, explaining that he had been writing and failing and wanted to get some

experience from the inside. As soon as he had posted the letter he regretted his candour, convinced that it would work against him. But to the BBC's eternal credit, and his total

proos department with the simple

warning that he must not annoy

He did not. He watched and

learnt, became a scenery mover

and developed, if not a friendship,

certainly a working relationship with Dennis Main Wilson, a light

He had an idea for a show at the

time but, having had so much

rejection in the past, he was afraid

to write it. It was about a character

entertainment producer.

any of the stars.

he used to see in a pub in the enormous, endlessly draining the King's Road, Chelsea, who was always saying that as soon as the pub closed he was going to start the revolution. (This was, of course, in the Seventies.)

"He was pathetic really, but

funny. Anyway, I thought there might be something there and kept mentioning it to Dennis Main Wilson. Then one day he sort of challenged me either to write it or stop talking about it. So I took a two-week holiday and did a pilot for Comedy Playhouse. There was a lot wrong with it but they must

three years.

cause they did it." He was offered a series immediately and gave up his job writer. He did not fail. Citizen Smith ran for 28 episodes over

have seen something there be-

Now his BBC series are shown all over the world, while Deur John has been taken by Paramount and relocated to America where it has become a minor industry of its own, a team of writers working to his blueprint. By the end of the current series

there will have been 70 episodes. The writing pressures have been reservoir of his creativity. Nothing in his formal education prepared him for a lifetime spent writing, but he attacks the job of writing

with a working man's vigour. He is unresentful that the state educational system failed to spot his talent. "Most people I know were just following their fathers into a trade or some menial job. But I was growing up in the early 1960s and there were three or four blokes in our street who had done well for themselves.

"They were older than me but I think in the back of my mind that was always an inspiration. If they could do it, then perhaps I could.

He no longer lives in south back, should he wish to drop into the old pubs to see the characters from the market. "But, of course there are other types of people I meet now who I find fascinating.

People talk to me about writing being a lonely job. It can be when you can't do it. But when it's going well you're with all these other people who are in your mind and you just sit there thinking. observing them. You can't be lonely then, can you?"

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Greathead boats were dotted along the coastline (39 in place by 1810), and their "inventor" was campaigning loudly about not being paid a penny in royalties. Probably prodded by Lloyd's, a Parliamentary commission was set up to investigate Greathead's claim

on the design. His claim to be inventor was never seriously chal-lenged; nor were his figures that he was making a profit of only £15 on each £165 lifeboat.

Parliament awarded him 1,200 guineas. This, added to: other large sums from & Lloyd's fund and from Trinity House, and a diamond ring from the then ruler of Russia, provoked from the nowforgotten Wouldhave a plaintive: "I, not he, am the inventor, nor is there one good property in the boat not from the original model I presented to the [Lawes] committee."
Mr Osler has a theory about

why fishermen and sailors on the south bank of the Tyne choose to believe the sternlooking Wouldhave, rather than the confident Greathead: there is still a saying in the area which describes items of dense impenetrability as being as altogether as South Shield folk".

Wouldhave was one of their own tight clan. Greathead was an incomer, a southerner from way down in Yorkshire. Worse, he was a son of a salttax collector, a man about as popular then as a poll tax collector today.

Another possibility: Greathead was a Freemason, and much has been made of the fact that some unusual decoration he rendered on the model of the Original which he set before Parliament is uncannily like the pattern Masons like to work into the

marble of their halls. What is harder to prove is Greathead's financial downfall. His lifeboat was state-ofthe-art for a dozen years have a word."

Then, though he was quick to adapt another idea for a first lifeboat driven by sails, the writing was on the wall for the Original. It was too heavy, and thus limited in range to a few hundred yards.

Lighter, better boats based on his design were multiplying elsewhere, and his yard needed different work.

What is not speculation is that Greathead was bankrupt before he died in 1816 at the age of 57.

In those raw, pre-Plimsoli line days, when coalmines in the north-east fuelled the industrial revolution, common humanity was fairly uncommon, and it was probably more the loss of the assets, represented by skilled colliersailors, which prompted the Lawes House initiative to instruct Greathead to find ways to pluck men from

The period is survived by a legend of dodgy dealing that Tynesiders are reluctant, even

now, to give up.

When an exhibition opened in South Shields museum, telling the story of the life boat's invention — at a time when up to 100 colliers would swarm out on the same tide (passage to London for 30 shillings was offered, provided passengers accepted that the rate of loss was roughly one in 25) - Mr Osler reports instances of grumpy locals stamping out of the museum declaiming: "I've been brought up on this being Willie Wouldhave's boat: I'll

not believe otherwise." Adrian Osler's book, Mr Greathead's Lifeboats (published by South Shields museum, £4.95) will infuriate more with its detailed destruction of the myth. "I am not saying that I have become South Shields' Salman Rushdie by insisting that Greathead was not just a mere boatbuilder who stole somewhether this inflamed local one else's ideas, but there is feeling had much bearing on local feeling on this, and i gather there is a relative of Wouldhave who is waiting to

## The doughnut in literature

IN THIS, the year 2090, a most valuable service has been performed for schoolchildren everywhere by the publication of fully annotated texts for the study of many of the older and dustier works of literature on the examination svilabus.

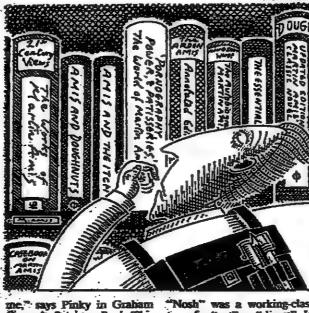
One of the works which contemporary schoolchildren, find most daunting is London Fields by Martin Amis. Written just more than 100 years ago and set in a now-distant future, it suffers from a use of language that some readers find extremely old-fashioned. Exam questions on London Fields are intended to test the examinee's ability to render the book's fusty colloobialisms into plain, modern English. The 1,650-page Shorter Annotated Edition of London Fields offers much help in this sphere, as the following extract demonstrates:

"Filth don't" know shit" he said. "Bingo," said Keith.

contemporary speech in a the doughunt again compact and distinctive man- for another three ner. A likely question you may pages, the reader is be asked in your exam is left to assume that Render the phrase, Fifth don't' into modern speech and then compare and contrast the damp cloth and use of don'ts by novelists in manages to wipe the second half of the 20th any stickiness

century".
"Figh" is a foreshortened rendering of "fill the", while century ago, it was "don't" is, of course, a the fashion among "don't" is, of course, a "doughnut". A popular snack of the time, the doughnut, or contemporary "don't", featured a doughy base around a jam filling, with a sugared surface. Here, Thelonius is suggesting to Keith that he should place a little more strawberry jam in the centre of the doughnut,

thus adding flavour. Examiners will expect you to quote other appearances by doughnuts in 20th-century ssics. "Don't mess with



Greene's Brighton Rock. This term for "eat" or "digest". In suggests that the jam filling in Pinky's "don't" has been incorrectly inserted, and is now Filth don't - this is a causing some sort of mess or typically Amish way of missance on Pinky's face and rendering what was then hands. As he fails to mention

> Pinky borrows a handkerchief or

> \*Know shit - a novelists to render

BROWN "street slang" directly on to the printed page. To this cud. Amis would alter the spelling of words so as to give them the "tang" of the spoken word. If you are given this particular passage to render into correct translates as: English - and it is a favourite of the examiners - you should

remember that "know shit" is

Amis's phonetic rendering of

"Nosh" was a working-class this passage Thelonius is commanding Keith with some urgency to "fill the doughnur" and then to "nosh it". In the pext sentence, we will discover the reason for his urgent

> \*\*\* "Bingo" said Keith - at last, the reason Thelonius's com-

mand is made evident when Keith makes it clear that the "bin" or "dustbin", in which household refuse was then stored, is moved by operatives especially

employed for the task. If he wishes to discard all or part of his doughnut, he should therefore move with alacrity, literally before the bin-goes. Thus the entire exchange

it!," he said. The dustmen are shortly to only one side of the paper. Use arrive," said Keith. annotated London

Fields is also noteworthy for the biographical information it divulges about the author. placed by Amis in the reference work Who's Who, the editors have managed to piece together sufficient material to help the examinee sail through questions regarding the author's lifestyle:

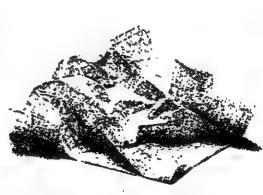
In Who's Who, Amis claims that his chosen recreations are Tennis, chess and spooker". Quite obviously, a literal translation — that he enjoyed playing "tennis", "chess" and snooker" - is out of the question, for we know from his books that he was interested only in mindless, seedy and often biologically unpleasant leisure activities for which these polite, middleclass recreations would be

quite unsuitable. Experts now believe that, true to his style, Amis rendered his Who's Who entry phonetically, and that his osen recreation was, in fact, Ten itches in noo car".

The central mystery of Amis's life stands revealed. A recurring theme of his novels concerns the various skin complaints - from mild acne to various forms of venereal disease - suffered by his characters.

These characters are also, perhaps by way of consolation, buying and selling new and second-hand cars, often stolen or misappropriated. Demonstrating striking parto "go" shortly, re- allels with his own characters, Amis here reveals that he would spend most of his free time satisfying at least 10 itches while sitting - or perhaps lying down — in a new car. Remember this information when faced with a typical examination question such as: "How many itches did Amis tend to have, and where did he scratch them?" (Answers on

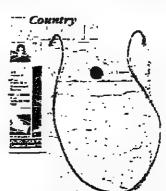
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## Can pre-preschool tangerine-peeling classes and dawn-to-dusk schooling produce Japan's next generation of leaders? Joe Joseph reports

Japanese children do after a day at school is 1990 go to another school, which

probably teaches them an awful lot about plankton and the annual rainfall in Chile, but does not leave very much time for running and jumping.

A country that chooses rice as its staple food and chopsticks as the implement with which to eat it, is a country that is not hungering for an easy life. But does dawn-to-dusk education show how keen and bright Japanese children are? Or is there something wrong if regular school hours are not enough to produce Japan's next generation of Toyota

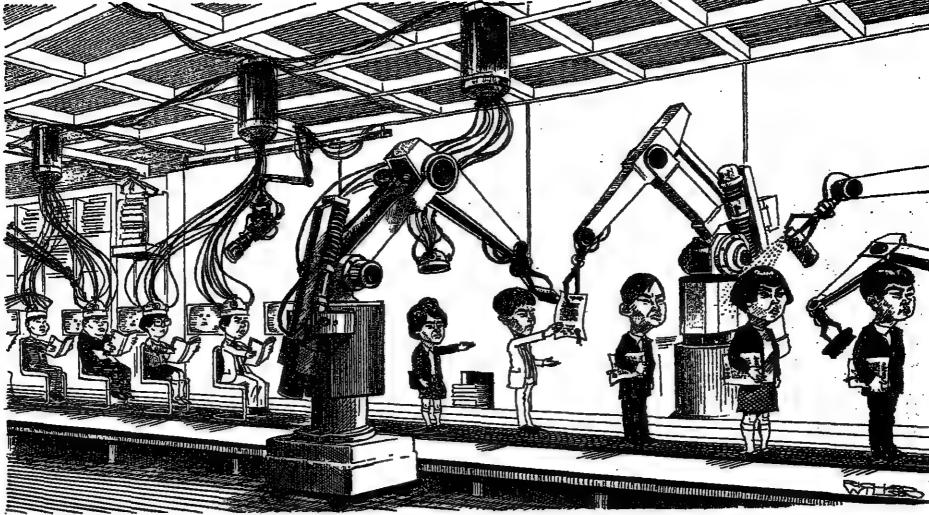
The United States still manages to produce some of the world's liveliest brains, even though high school education has become more or less optional in many of its inner cities. And you do not have to be in the real world for long before you twig that, outside the classroom, securing a table at a good restaurant impresses people more than reciting rainfall figures for any Latin American state you care to name.

Even Japan is beginning to wonder whether an education system that prizes facts even more highly than Dickens's Mr Gradgrind, and exam success above everything, is the best way to produce leaders who can run the world's newest superpower and explain Japan's views to allies who sometimes still find "the Japanese way" as mysterious as the Milky

Now the Japanese government whose education ministry bureaucrats dream of the ideal Japanese" who is diffident, accommodating and thinks of Japan first, second and third - has joined parents and educationalists in wondering how Japan can break the grim habit of forcing children to spend hours after school at yet another school. It is a timetable that produces a 99.7 per cent literacy rate, but makes family life virtually impossible.

While government leaders in the US and parts of Europe are calling for a little less laisse:-faire in the classroom to repair the cracks in their children's knowledge, Japan's education machine looks enviable. Talk of any kind of crisis in education here makes many foreigners gawp in disbelief.

Japan's scientists produce some pretty swanky microchips. The country's business acumen is evident in its trade figures. Shop assistants in Tokyo do not reach for a pocket calculator to tot up two 100-yen purchases, as they



# All work and no play

might in London or New York. More than 95 per cent of Japanese children go to school until the age of 18. Then 37 per cent carry on swotting at university or go on to some other form of tertiary

But young children in Japan, often out until 10 or 11 every night at one of the country's 35,000 crammers, are suffering from the same stresses as office executives. Like their parents, they are complaining of sleeplessness and muscular tension. Unlike their fathers, they cannot wind down with a whisky and geisha.

In 1988, the latest year for which figures are available, 603 children committed suicide in Japan: 86 of them were younger than 14. Police reckon that between a quarter and a half of those suicides were the result of educational pressure: the children had failed an exam, were ashamed at not living up to their parents' hopes, maybe just got behind with their homework. Suddenly, for these children, the life cycle of plankton and the amount of rainfall in Chile no longer seemed that important.

The education ministry has concluded that there is too much pressure on students, that school rules are too rigorous, that there is too much emphasis on cramming and learning everything patrot-fashion, and that children are, to put it simply, not getting enough out of life.

A new ministry white paper claims that Japanese children rarely have a chance for such enjoyment as "coming into contact with nature, feeling awe and respect for life, experiencing the importance of hard work, and rning from difficulties". In non-Japanese, this means that spending all your formative years in a classroom has its drawbacks. Ask any Japanese and you will bear complaint after complaint about the Darwinian struggle that

the same time, every parent knows he or she is not powerful enough alone to break a system in which the right school leads to the right university, which leads to the right job (still usually for life), which carries the sort of social cachet and financial benefits that could well lead to finding the right spouse.

This is my first baby, and I 21 APR to play with her or help her de-1990 velop," says Emi Saito, a 30-year-

old mother who takes her sixmonth-old daughter to a pre-preschool establishment in Tokyo. At another pre-nursery crammer, The Growing Bud in Tokyo, headmaster Hideo Ohori says:
"The institute operates for babies of one year or older, developing their curiosity through tangerine peeling or collecting snow."

stand why a mother might quiver at the responsibility of guiding her own children through tangerinepeeling and decide to hand them over to Mr Ohori.

When these children grow out of their nappies and fed up with tangerines, their mothers will continue to do their best to secure a place in a good school by helping them with their homework. This help might consist of allowing junior to swot in the parents' bedroom, so that rival parents may see junior's bedroom light off and the sitting room light on Mummy will be in the sittingroom watching the latest scap operas, the plots of which she will later relate to junior. At school the next morning, junior will talk animatedly about last night's television, to reassure his pals he has not been boning up on Chilean

The idea, of course, is to trip up junior's pals so that when the

tell of beatings by teachers, even though corporal punishment is illegal Every now and then child-ren die from sack beatings. The rules they have broken are often trivial. One student died recently after being threshed for taking a bair dryer on a school trip. When the discipline is not heavy-handed it is often bizzare.

enormous power over their charges, and use it. Parents will

often not complain when children

One school makes pupils practice screaming in order to improve speech delivery. Throat specialists say the children develop some throats and could suffer permanent damage if their voices are just breaking. The beadmaster dismisses all this mouning and says: "It's important to be able to speak with a loud voice, so I intend to continue the training."



At a kinder-garten in Kawasaki, threeyear-olds spend winters in chilly

rounds dressed only in shorts. "Actually, they feel cold, I think," says the school's percep-tive deputy director, Soil Massu-moto. "But they don't want to be deseated by the cold. I think that's what is important." Given Japan's cultural back-ground, it is surprising that a

debate is taking shape at all.

What has stung Japan into discussing the drawbacks of its education system are fears that it will not be able to jump from a nation of car and television makers to an inspired co-leader of the free world if it does not start producing opinion-formers who have original things to say said the courage and latitude to say them. What also isks a country that

has most things money can buy is that saide foreigners still dismiss lapen as a aution of minuics. making money out of others' inventions, a country that has yet to produce a stream of science and aris Nobel laureates, as the West has done. The carping is unfair.
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what others think of it, the
remarks sting just the same.
The reformers' task is disunting.
Changes come slowly in Japan and
individuality is no comfortable for
many language. Worse still, such

many Ispanese. Worse still, even defining the problem is a head-acise. According to Ikuo Amano, Professor of Education at Tokyo University: The very mean to think it not well understood in our colume. To us it means something like to find out an answer which can be shared by others." Oh dear.

## COLLECTING

## A-rockin and a-rollin'

London began to display its a disappearing craft.

The market is also expandstruments, there has been a ing in this country. "There are market for guitars signed or a lot of guitars in the £10,000 played by great musicians. In to £25,000 range," says Chris 1988 a flame-shaped electric Trigg of Vintage & Rare guitar, custom-built for John Guitars in London. "It's been Entwistle, fetched £16,500 at pretty crazy for the past few Sotheby's, and Jimi Hendrix's years, and it's getting crazier." 1968 Fender Stratocaster, included in Sotheby's forthcom- the Fifties and early Sixties ing rock 'n' roll sale, has an sound marvellous, they evoke estimate of £60,000 to the memory of what it was like

Steve Maycock, Sotheby's rock 'n' roll expert, admits that, without the Hendrix connection, this guitar would be worth less than a tenth of

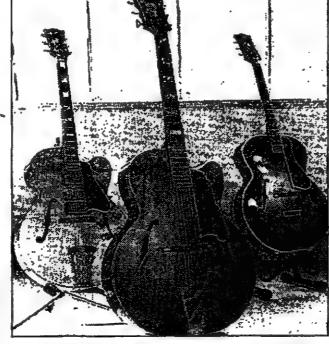
as Gibson, Fender or Gretsch, even though they have no star

In the United States prices are being boosted by demand from Japanese buyers. Collec- to bring back all one's adolestors such as Akira Tsumura, cent dreams of playing along-who are paying up to £100,000 side a band.

he American guitar is for the rarest "prime inedging its way into the
art market. Ever since
the Hard Rock Cafe in tin believe they are preserving

Not only do the guitars of

to be part of the rock 'a' roll generation. Even to non-musicians, these are beautiful objects: Gibson used the finest bird's eye and tiger stripe figured maple; the "Country Gretsch 6131 has inlaid There is also a strong mar-ket for vintage guitars from such classic American makers a tailpiece carved with cowboys and a covered wagon; while to cradle the sci-fi shapes of a solid electric Fender Jaguar or two-tone, ice-cream-coloured Swinger is



Rocking the market: (I-r) 1950s Gibson (£2,800), 1953 D'Augelico (£22,500) and 1938 Gibson (£3,250)

Many musical instrument shops stock second-hand gnitars, but condition is extremely important in assessing the value of a vintage guitar. A Gibson L5 or Les Paul Gold Top may be worth several thousand pounds in perfect, original condition, but not if it has been refinished or restored. If all you want to do is

pick a few chords and dream, condition may not matter, but that should be reflected in the

Isabelle Anscombe ◆ Sotheby's Rock'n' Roll and Film Memorabilia sale is on April 25. Specialist dealers: Vin-tage & Rare Guitars, 168 Kenway, Road, London SW6 (01-370 7835).

three decades later, one at the

Behind the scenes in Sheffield arrange a meeting. Landscape", tempera, (181/in x 24in) (£8,000-£10,000). After his death there was a memorial exhibition and

> Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield, Then, last May, "The Timber Dump" found its way to assistant to Mr Frolov. The spacious, luxurious Phillips. It was estimated at between £2,000-£3,000, in line with previous auction prices, but soared to a new artist's record of £25,300.

After London the paintings will move to Leeds for viewing. The sale may prompt his home town to increase its stake in the vision of a highly talented South Yorkshireman brought the coffee. John Shaw

• Philips, Hepper House, 17A

East Parade, Leeds 1 (0532

448011). Viewing: April 30, May

1, 10am-4pm, and morning of sale. Sale: May 2, 11am. Calalogue 15.

## Face to face with glasnost.

**CAMPUS** 

accepted on our college trip to the Soviet Union, I knew I wanted to do more than see the sights. I started writing letters to politicians and newspaper editors, requesting an interview.

My first reply came rel-atively quickly and I felt as if I had won the pools. Ivan
Frolov, editor of Pravda and
adviser to President
Gorbachov, would meet me
and two friends, Vanessa
Fleming and Ian Boys.

We received four more replies, three of which were friendly rejections. Two days before we were due to leave for Moscow, on April 5, I received a letter from the Soviet Embassy in London: "The home affairs minister, Vadim Bakatin, is prepared to meet you for discussions." When we were in Moscow, however, our Intourist guide, Irina, knew nothing of our plans and was sceptical. "These people are very busy, you know."

My spirits lifted when I found a scruffly dressed man waiting outside my hotel room later that day. "I'm from the Ministry of the Interior, and must know full details of your itinerary so that I can inform the minister and collect you when he calls; it could be any time." Then we persuaded Irina to phone Ivan Frolov to

We were greeted at Pravila by a young journalist who took us to the editor's office, where two men called Sasha were with him, one a special correspondent and the other

room was a long way from the noise and chaos that oncmight expect to find at a British daily newspaper. Bookshelves lined one wall rows of smart, leather-bound books, not the drab paper covers seen in Soviet shops. No one burst in with a piece of last-minute news, our only visitor was a maid, who

ever happened to the classless system? The two Sashes seized Mr Frolov is a philosopher, their chance to cut short our and our carefully thought-out questions only served to interview. "You should be glad of these 'privileged cars'. We will be using one to take prompt him to talk at length on whatever subject he felt like. These ranged from you back in just a few minjournalism (he would like to publish *Pravila* in English, in Britain and the United States), utes." The ploy did not work. We were lucky enough to have an hour and a half with Mr to party privileges, Europe Frolov. ("Kohl is in a state of emphora On the On the way out, we stopped

A college trip to the Soviet Union gave Sarah Hurst the opportunity to meet two of the powers behind Moscow

school entrance exam asks just how wet it gets in Santiago, junior nabs one of the few places vacant

Traditionally it has also fallen

upon schools to marture Japanese

values into Japanese youth, especially "group spirit", the gine of society. They are raught that "the

nail that sticks out must be

hammered down", a phrase that

every Japanese can quote so

readily that suspicious immigra-

tion officials could use it as a test

At its most indicrous, this

maxim results in a stiffing confor-

mity: trouser turn-ups must be an

exact depth, hair a prescribed length, and children whose hair is

not naturally jet black must bring a letter from home certifying that

they have not dyed it. At its most

harmful, this philosophy discour-ages individual thinking as some-

hing disruptive and disloyal to

Because of the structure of

of Japanese nationality.

at a famous school.



he sees the possibility to briefly in one of the Sashas' become a great personality - offices. He was one of the that's why he pushes some most senior journalists, but events and may not always take balanced decisions"), there was no word processor, or even a typewriter, on his desk. "At Pravda we work the communism ("perestroika breaks away from the past, but old-fashioned way - with pen at the same time it's a renaisand paper," he explained. sauce of humanistic ideas characterized by Marx Engels and Lenin"), and, the field Frolov is an expert in, the

philosophy of science.

After about 20 minutes in

the company of this eminent

man, we asked about the row

of black Volgas parked outside

the Pravda building, which take up one side of an entire

street. Elsewhere, almost

everyone drives a Lada. What-

le left Pravda clutching reproductions tion, published in 1912 and signed by Mr Frolov, the next day's edition, Pravda caps and signed photos of ... Mr Frolov. He had even offered us a choice of pose - "Do you want serious, happy, seave?" - and he had not let us go until he had demonstrated his favourite toy, a huge globe which makes the noise of the ocean when it is rotated.

At lunchtime on our last day in Moscow, I was reconciling myself to the disappointment of not meeting the minister, when Irina appeared: "The man from the ministry is here." I was sorry Sanak Hurst is an A level

another visitor had arrived, but he was not allowed to interrupt us. The obligatory portrait of Lenin hung over Mr Bakatin's desk and a

portrait of Mr Gorbachov graced one wall. I found that rather odd - do British Cabinet ministers work under a filmness of Mrs Thatches? Mir Bakatin's first words floered us: "For how many minutes are you going to turture me?" I was about to say: "Well, we're just going, actually", but he put us at ease by chaning about his five-year-old granddaughter, and marking where we lived on a map of the Thames which we had given him.

and not a limousine - especially as the rest of our

A soldier stood guard out-

ide Vadim Bakatin's office.

He flung the door open at one point during our interview, presumably to announce that

group saw us off.

bad given him. The minister was as difficult to interview as Mr Frolov; he expressed concern that his smooth style might not be coming across in the transla-tion. When Mr Bakatin talked about Lithuania, he banged his fist on the table repeatedly and admitted that it was not easy to change people's minds about independence. He was adamant that, although the republic had a right to secede, it should not happen over-

the Guildford Four and Birmingham Six, but he said that isolated incidents should not reflect on the police force

night. But it was annexed overnight, wasn't it? "If that was wrong then, should we repeat the wrong today?" Mr Bakatin is a member of Mr Gorbachov's newly. formed Presidential Council, and his prime concern is law and order. His ambition is to raise the status of Soviet productions of policemen to the level of the first ever edithe British bobby. We reminded him of cases such as

could invent.

that we were taken in a Volga ... studen at Henley College

as a whole. More souvenirs were

heaped upon us as we left. We were given gennine army hats. which are not permitted to be taken out of the country, but luckily we were not searched at customs. If we had been asked how we got them, the truth would have been stranger than any story we

HARRY Epworth Allen's he decided to become a full- Laing Art Gallery in £10,000), or "A Derbyshin breakthrough into the sale- time artist. rooms was via the classic route of an attic discovery. His of the Sheffield Society of the fleeting effects of light as in widow needed more space, Artists, but he joined the his pestels - "Gypsy Encampand employed a dealer. He newly formed Yorkshire ment". 19in x 26in (£5,000-took Allen's stylish pictures of group and sent work to the £7,000), and "Sheffield Town his native Sheffield and the neighbouring Derbyshire hibition between 1933 and countryside for what must have been a song, and sold them to a local man.

They were stacked in a room for a while, before the new owner decided to sell. The group of 36 paintings is currently on show at Phillips in New Bond Street, London, until Wednesday.

The collection will be sold in Leeds on May 2.

Allen's father was a craftsman in the steel industry, who set up his own business. An interest in painting led him to enrol for evening classes at the Sheffield Technical School. and he was employed as an artist in the trenches during the First World War.

But the war ended for Allen when he lost a leg, and in 1931 2pm.

Allen was already a member

Royal Academy summer ex-1955. "The Woodlanders", one of his first three sub- "The Farmyard", tempera, missions, was bought by the 13in x 194in (£7,000-

Dominated by 141 Buddy Holly

Bayswater, London W2 (01-229 9090). Viewing: today, 9am-5pm. Sale: Mon, 11am.

Pictures, furniture and oriental

ceramics. Sotheby's, Summers Place,

Billingshurst, Sussex (0403 783933). Check viewings

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furniture, Tues, 10.30am; ceramics, Wed, 10.30am,

pictures, Mon, 1pm;

ROCK AND POP:

Instead of trying to capture Hall". 211/2 x 13in (£2,000-£3,000) - his forms became much more stylized, such as

Newcastle upon Tyne.

SALES GUIDE DONALD McGILL: 140 master printing plates, 2,000 cards and some original water-colours by the king of the seaside postcard. GA Auction Galleries,

> Sussex (0903 205565). Viewing: today, 9am-noon. Sale follows. HOME AND ABROAD: British and Continental glass and ceramics. Christie's, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581

Chatsworth Road, Worthing,

7611). Viewing: Mon, 5-7.30pm; Tues and Wed, 9am-

 Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 6602). Exhibition: today, 8.30am-noon; tamorrow, 2-5pm; Mon, Tues and Wed, 8.30am-5pm.

## **COASTLINE**

## How Neptune's empire stands

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**Peter Davenport** 

n a perfect day of blue skies and high, white cloud, the view out of Mel Cunningham's kitchen window is nudeniably spectacular. From-Peakside Farm, perched precari-ously on the very edge of the cliffs on the Yorkshire coast at Ravenscar, the expanse of Robin Hood's Bay falls away in a

breathtaking panorama. Across the far side of the bay. beyond the wide horseshoe of sand, the red-tiled roofs of a cluster of cottages that reach to the water's edge are bright in the morning sun, gulls and fulmars wheel on the currents of air and a pheasant, startled suddenly from its nest, hurtles headlong down a 500 ft drop to a thicket on the

shoreline below. It is some of the most dramatic and unspoilt coastline around our shores, and just a fraction of the total acquired by the National Trust since it launched its Enterprise Neptune campaign 25 years ago. Mr Cunningham is the Trust's coastal warden for Yorkshire, and his job is to protect and manage the land so the public can enjoy the benefits of open access.

When the Trust buys sections of coastline, it is not with the intention of putting it in a box and hiding it away, but to allow people to appreciate and enjoy it without

spoiling it," he says.
Enterprise Neptune was launched by the Duke of Edinburgh with the aim of purchasing some 900 miles of unspoilt and threatened coastline out of a total of 3,000 miles around the shores of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, to protect it forever from housing schemes, industrial development, land reclamation or careless farming practices.

It had four main objectives to focus public attention on the problem of coastal development, to acquire and preserve fine constland, to improve the quality of the Trust's existing constline by careful management and to raise an initial £2 million.

Today, a quarter of a century later, some 512 miles of unspoilt coast are under the care of the



Held in trust for public benefit: Mel Cunningham protects the Yorkshire co

Trust and declared inalienable, the best form of protection available. Only an Act of Parliament could change their designation. Some have been given to the Trust by supporters, but the majority has been purchased with the £13.5 million raised since 1965. There are still almost 400 further miles left to save, and Gill Rakes, the Trust's coast and countryside appeals manager, reckons it could take 20 years to achieve.

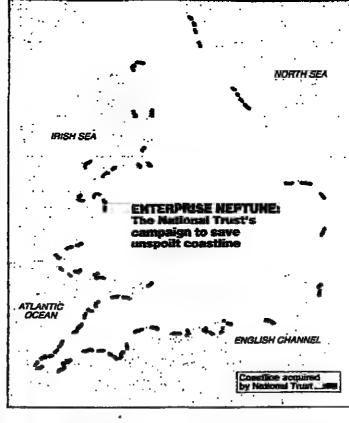
"We face many battles, not the least of which is baving the money to achieve our objectives. We have to compute when land that we want becomes available, and it is becoming increasingly expensive at the same time as the threats from development are also getting

"There is no doubt that we have lost some acquisitions because we have not had the money available. We don't get everything we want, sometimes because the prices are inflated, but we want to minimize the number of properties that happens to."

Although many people still imagine that the National Trust is solely about stately homes and grand gardens, it has always been much more; in fact, the first property it was given, in 1895, the year of its foundation, was 4.5 acres of rocky bill-top overlooking Cardigan Bay in North Wales: Its first purchase of coastal land came two years later, at Barra Head near Tintagel in Cornwall, while its latest is on the Lleyn Peninsula in

The bulk of its holdings, around 200 miles, are in Devon and Cornwall, but the latter county was also the scene of one of its greatest disappointments, the failure to secure Land's End when it first came up for sale in 1981. Even though the Trust managed to raise more than £1 million, it lost out to a private bidder, and could not afford to enter the market later, when Land's End was bought by Peter de Savary.

The Trust keeps an eye on the coastline it still covets, to ensure that it will know quickly of any potential sales. To that end it has an envisble information network. including its 85 coastal wardens and many of its 1.86 million members. It aims always to have sufficient funds in reserve to bid



quickly and competitively for coastline that comes on the market, because it simply would not have the time to launch separate appeals each time land became

This year, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Enterprise Neptune, the Trust is aiming to mise £2 million, double its normal annual target, to purchase more coastline. Numerous fund-raising events are planned throughout the year, with each of the Trust's 16 regions organizing its own ventures, culminating in a national gala concert at the Royal Festival

ne of the more individual efforts, however, will be that of National Trust member Robert Steel, aged 70, the former secretary general of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. On April 30 he will leave London to walk the 2,000 miles around the perimeter of England. ending up back in the capital 100 days later, on August 7, aiming to arrive at the exact moment when the digital time will read 12.34.56,

7, 8, 90. He hopes to raise £50,000. Since the Neptune scheme began, the Trust has made 15 purchases on the rugged North Yorkshire coast, and now has some nine miles under protection, a total of around 1.000 acres made up of five farms, industrial archaeological remains and woodland. It owns areas at Boggle Hole,

Hayburn Wyke and Saltburn Nab, along with some 425 acres around Robin Hood's Bay and Ravenscar, The Trust considers virtually all the coast between Flamborough Head and Redcar worthy of its protection.

Peakside Farm, where Mr Cunningham lives with his wife and two children, was bought by the Trust in 1976. He arrived there five years ago. Currently he has 12 workers on the Government's Employment Training Scheme building stone walls, erecting fences and repairing eroded footpaths. They are also undertaking a maior conservation programme on the site of the old Peak Alum Works in Ravenscar to show the history of the industry in the area before it died out in the mid 19th

century. "Uncontrolled development could spoil large sections of the coast forever," he said, as we sat in former stable converted into a makeshift office and offering spreading views across the bay. But the competition for land is tough, and we don't have a blank cheque to pay for it.

'in some ways, though, the easy bit is buying the land; the harder part is to improve it and manage it well so that people can enjoy and appreciate this natural asset.
We still have a long way to go.

but I know that similar organizations in European countries with coastlines are already amazed and envious of what the Trust has achieved to date."

## Natural attractions

THERE is another view of tourism in the Galapagos Islands from the one described by Charles Bremner last Saturday. My wife and I have recently returned from a holiday there, and while every word written by your correspondent needed to be said. I feel there is something missing from his report.

I cannot deny that at some times of the year boats full of tourists are queuing to disembark their passengers, but the main photograph published represented the usual situation of our party. alone on an evening walk.

It is not correct to say that visitors hope to get a "glimpse" of an iguana, a sea lion or a penguin. The problem with marine iguanas is that they are constantly under your feet. The problem with sea lions is that they are convinced you are an immaterial genetic variation of their own species, a notion enjoyed especially by the young who want to be stroked (a forbidden activity) so they can follow the dinghy, or panga, along the coast until you go for a swim when you can all play together. The problem with booby birds is that they choose to mate precisely on the narrow trails to which one is sometimes confined. Why not? They are educators of the pink

The guides confine and discipline the tourists. Our guide, David Day, who has been on the islands for 18 years, is an expert in everything from the largest mussel (5mm) to sperm whales.

Mr Day slept little during our hunt for whales. I would see him late at night while I was watching the zodiacal constellations and early in the morning when I was watching Venus. His hydrophone apparatus detected the clicks of about 100 sperm whales at dawn on our last day. They are perhaps the ugliest creatures ever evolved (unlike the dolphins that rode a phosphorescent bow wave at night), but it gave us all a final photo-opportunity, and strong swimmers a chance to

This is the good news about the Galápagos. No sensible person would spend more than a few hours in Puerto Ayora before embarking towards modified enchantment on the sharp lava, the blistering effects of sun and sea and a harmony between human, beast and bird which is unique.

Go there before the developers and the do-gooders combine to destroy this aspect of the frail Ecuadorian economy, deprive the animals and birds of companionship and generally achieve the opposite of what they intend. But first, choose your season and check your boat.

Raymond Kidwell

## **MOTORING CHALLENGE**

## Fast route to a washout

f you were driving on the Continent this week and were brushed aside as a black apparition hurtled past at 150mph, do not be alarmed it was probably Baron Guy de Wimnell attempting to catch up in the London to Peking Motoring Challenge.

Fate seems to be telling the French aristocrat that he should not be attempting this marathon. Initially he had expected to compete in a modified London taxi, but when he arrived in Britain to collect it he found both the vehicle and the company preparing it in pieces. He overcame this minor

inconvenience by flying to Germany and acquiring a Lamborghini Cheetah. Much favoured by Middle Eastern generals, it looks like a tank and goes like a rocket. The Baron gently ran in his purchase at speeds in excess of

100mph, but by the time the challengers had assembled at Silivri, about 40 miles from Istanbul, the Cheetah's roar had been reduced to a misow; half the engine had expired.

If he can repair the Cheetah,

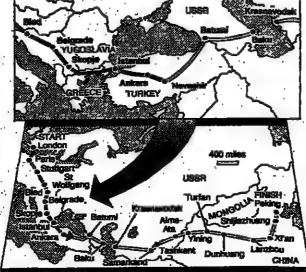
the Baron might make Trabzon by today, but he could become the first of the 65 drivers to drop out of contention.

The Klassis Hotel at Silvini has five stars, and deserves every one of them, but its facilities were severely tested by the convoy. On the Monday morning of our departure,
the challengers were moving
uncomfortably. This could be
lamad on the lamade. With 160 guests arriving out of and in general, "do no expect season, having belted across any common sease from the Europe in five days with local drivers". barely enough time to change their underwear, their first when negotiating the Istanbul task was to load sacks with dirty washing, dial housekeeping, and unwind in the hotel's the hotel to travel in convoy opulent ambience

36 hours later, and a few route to the rendezvous, it was found not only their own essential to keep the next car miderwear, but some belong in sight.
ing to their colleagues. It was We were stopped by red all sorted out eventually.

broke down shortly after Endeavouring to catch up at

The Peking to London convoy is speeding ahead, Graham Rock reports



departure, and the replacement did not leave until 2pm, arriving at Ankara nearly eight hours later. A bug had swept through the passengers and two are still recuperating, but they are hoping to hire a car and catch up before the bus reaches the Soviet

We were grateful for some advice on driving conditions from an official of the Turkish Tourist Board: in the country, "watch for all black things on blamed on the laundry. With rather ornamental purposes";

This proved invaluable for an official send-off at the . The system was overloaded. Dolmabance Palace was in however, with the result that tamers by the time we had most guests could not collect reached the city centre. Since their laundry until departure only a few knew the correct

lights and a surge of traversing The observation coach traffic, losing our colleagues

70mph, while a thousand workers freshly disgorged from the ferry attempted to

cross the road in front of us,

provided a severe test for the

advanced braking system.

Ankara proved a nightmare. The official car-park chosen for the convoy had an entrance too low to admit some of the vehicles, which were hurriedly relocated. I collected the Mercedes the following morning without first, and parked at the end of the red carpet which led guests to the foyer of the Hotel Dedeman. Just as I entered to collect the luggage, someone pointed out that the off-side rear wheel was as flat as a cowpar.

on had to be there, as they say. The cacophony of car horns and police whistles from the traffic, the rain bouncing off the pavement, the look of the doorman as I unloaded the entire contents of the boot in order to extricate the spare wheel dampened the spirits; the knowledge that the gathering crowd was to be given an exhibition of technical incompetence sent them phomoeting.

Turkish motor mechanics

Since last week we have had two "rest" days, which have been filled with stamina-sapping sightseeing tours of Istanbul and Cappadocia, the latter a valley in Turkey.

list of the world's Good Samer-

itans, but one appeared from nowhere and completed the

task in less than two minutes.

Taking in the sights has been tempered by the realization that we are mortal; from demi-gods of capitalism speeding the message to the East, with all impediments swept aside, we were reduced to mere tourists, forced to

queue behind Germans and

Japanese in order to get a glimpse of the attractions. We left you last week in Skopie and, if you ever stay in the Continental Hotel there, be careful how you sit down. The 1939 BSA lost a mudguard strut which was per-fectly replaced with the leg of a tubular steel chair, liberated

by a hacksaw. The 1912 Lancia Simplex Speedster has kept up well. After leaving Ankara, a minor part of the engine flew off on to the side of the road. One challenge vehicle after another stopped on realizing the Lancia's plight and, although the search party was unsuccessful, the vintage car made it to Nevsehir.

The challengers have given the traffic police of all countrics a rare bonanza in on-thespot fines. Trundling through a southern Yugoslavian village with an unpronounceable name and a speed limit of 35mph, I was stopped for a recorded 50mph. I pointed out to the policeman that, if I maintained a speed of 35mph to Peking I should have packed some Christmas cards. but he was unmoved, and fined me 1,500 dinars (70p).

I gave him two 1,000-dinar notes and, with a sickly smile, he said he was sorry, but he had no change. I said I was sorry, but neither had I; He said he was sorry that I was sorry. Before we fell sobbing into each other's arms, I jumped into the Mercedes, roared off at maximum acceleration, and reached double the speed limit before the end of the village, honours might not come high on your even.

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## **EATING OUT**

## Adventures in wonderland

oneiric. It means pertaining dreams, dreamlike. suggestive of the movement of dreams. It is the key word of surrealism, though most surrealism merely institutionalizes the idea. The painter Pierre Roy and west of the city - in and such writers as Don architectural, if not topo-Delillo and Michel Tournier graphical character is belongs make art that corresponds to the wonderfully free art we make in sleep. It is an incredibly rare gift to achieve that reproduction wittingly. Did the builder of Cothay in west Somerset realize that he douceur. The greeting you get and the place. They share an was building a dream house for the teenager who swooned happy, suggestive that you are defies being pinned down, in its gardens 400 years later? Did Lutyens realize the effect fallen. (The he would have on me when he earlier phone built Marsh Court? Yes though not on me, but on a the other way, particular sensibility. Pace treats you like Lewis Carroll and the Wells of a credit card Mr Polly, the most effective chancer. This dream art in Britain has been was the only that achieved by collaboration time when the staff behaved between architects and like common or garden hotel gardeners. Despite the park of staff.) When we arrived we Buttes Chaumont in north- were led into a garden - what stone wall, steps, a yew, a dark east Paris, despite Le Palais a garden — and were admiring aperture, ranks of gables.

Idéal at Hautrives in the a pine and marvelling at the It's an intense distillation of s Drome, the French have sheer luck of being in such a kind of Englishness, specifi-

. Raymond Blanc, a quondam Frenchman who has the vision. The garden is spent half his life in this entirely enveloped by a high country and who has never worked in a kitchen in France, the negligent spectator; the is now the most imaginatively accomplished chef in Britain, by a chicane-like jink and a Nearly everything about his couple of "windows", gaps enterprise is oneiric. On a with columnar mullions that good day the dream begins allow a sight of a series of with the first of the fortuites ponds. So far, so lovely — but that surround him, the bizarre not dreamlike. Then out of the telecommunications tower beside the M40, west of Jonington", followed by this Stokenchurch. Then you spin slight white figure, the alldown from the Chilterns white Blanc. Imagine the escarpment and hang left at youngish Delon, the Delon of Junction 7. In France, a Le Cercle rouge or Le restaurant of the stature of Le Samourai, but scowlless and Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons Beatle-coiffed, and you've got would be signposted for miles it. This, I guess, is where the around. This is England, and dream begins. The timing of it isn't. You overshoot, do a the guy's happenstantial U-turn in a scrapyard, hit movement into the garden Oreat Milton. This village, was perfect. I'd met him south-east of Oxford, is nearly once before to talk to, and one all limestone, and thus looks half of a time to say "allo" to.

SUPERB IND

Jonathan Meades dines on the stuff of dreams at the superlative

First Restaurant of Britain

more like those to the north And here he was, materializgraphical, character is belongs be there . . . But, then, I doubt to the Cotswolds.

Every gravel stone at Le Manoir is hand-placed, to openic) unities. There's a drive on them is almost an act of defilement. The entrance of tween the man and the place; Le Manoir possesses a mellow within is effusively smiley, elusiveness, a strangeness that not one of the

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tended to dream in other place on such a day, when cally the kind that was often simultaneously, the sound and painting. stone wall - or so it appears to wall seems to be relieved only wall comes this cry of "Allo,

ing out of a stone wall, as if he'd known all along that I'd that M Blanc got where he is today by adhering to the (unbeneficent congruence berather, between the man's art

> Both seem to owe much to legerdemain. There is a view of the house from beyond the garden wall and across the largest of the

reat Milton Manor

carp ponds that goes to the very core of memory, ignites something far off - water, a It's an intense distillation of a there occurred, almost represented in Victorian

> looks the way it does largely hecause it is a reproduction of itself. Much of what one sees, inside and out, is not Jacobean but Edwardian: in the first decade of this century the prolific architect Edward Warren added a wing and worked over the fabric of the building. What exists now is largely a chunk of Merry England as conceived by a Master of the Art Workers' Guild, Old England is not so old at all, it's really quite a modern invention. Le Manoir may be a restaurant first, the First Restaurant of Britain, but it's also a hotel, a big operation, and the recent additions to the building do nothing to lessen the artifice. They are designed

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to look old within months. they're slavishly "in keeping". I'm not sure that the same can he said of the new diningroom, a conservatory that has been plonked down on the lawn and has, for the moment, the appearance of a temporary structure. No doubt a can of Instant Mellow will be

The 360-degree illusoriness

of the setting is appropriate to

M Blanc's cooking, which is

often incredible. I'm not using the word as an expression of torpid hyperbole. M Blanc conjures flavours of such fleeting subtlety that one can hardly believe them. All palatal experiences are temporal but those which M Blanc's cooking occasions last only nanoseconds before they are succeeded by others. Further, certain of these flavours are ones whose existence I had never even considered, let alone encountered. M Rianc's cooking is very different from that of the other stars of British restauration, His sauces, especially, are sui generis: they are not the intense reductions that are now fairly commonplace on the higher rungs of professional cooking. and his dishes are not particularly rich. If this is the food of the gods, you can be pretty certain that the gods keep their figures. These sauces may not

be intense, but they have phenomenal depth and complexity. They, like much of his cooking, do not appear to have evolved from ancient practices and habits. M Blanc has - and this may be a rash opinion - done nothing less than reinvent the craft (or art or science) of cooking: that, anyway, is a means of signalling the uniqueness of his kitchen. And it's not just the British he's out of step with he owes very little to the example of the modern French masters. It is pretty much impossible to divine M Blanc's base or roots. His dream cooking does not evoke sunny climes; indeed, it is so unfamiliar it actually evokes nothing (and nowhere) on

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wonder and joy (and sheer fascination at the rewriting of the rules). M Blanc is also rare in not possessing a marked style. He has, rather, as many styles as he has dishes in his considerable repertoire. Every dish is a fresh invention. M Blanc does not allow himself to be inhibited by limitations of method, he seems to find an ad hoc way of bringing off everything he essays. There is a greater variety of approaches in his cooking than in that of any other chef I've come upon. The only homogenization his dishes suffer is that of

fulsome menu prose. Eating in the conservatory, one feels rather like Mrs Shilling's hair must often have felt. The assault by floral abundance is total. This room is very green, summery, re-laxed. The staff, like that at young Frenchmen with telepathic gifts. Their ability to anticipate the customer's request is uncanny. There are many of them, they move team-handed, and are goodhumoured and almost cosseting, intimidatory tactics are not on the menu here. Children are treated with amiable respect, and there don't seem to be any rules about what you should or shouldn't wear. The staff takes its cue from a terrific French maître d'hôtel, Alain Desencios, who also acts as sommelier. The selection of wines is for-

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- are for cooking rather than aways and chandellars. Prices on this page are for a three-

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when not attempting to be flashy. The fish and shellfish are notably fresh. E50-280.

WHEN the most recent issue

World, weirdly preoccupied with oddball pudding stuff. We started with a half of vendage tardive Gewintztraminer, and chased that with a 1982 Châtean Kirwan - all right, maybe good, but nothing great. One of the effects of Le Manoir is that you take leave of pecuniary sense in order to inchies such senses as taste, smell and sight. The wine prices are evidence of this. The harsh fact of the matter is that this restaurant is the most expensive in Britain, Two are unlikely to spend less than £180 a la carte; by sticking to the daily mean and drinking down, they could get out for about £70. But that would mean missing some of the best dishes to be had Chewton Gien, is composed of anywhere. It's difficult to take exception to the opinion of the leading French gastronomic magazine, Goult Millon, that Le Manoir's chef is among the 10 best in the world. And in comparison with seats at Twickenham or Covent Garden the price is not so frightening. One certainly doesn't feel ripped off, anything but; indeed, the fact that one doesn't is full-volume testimony to the place's remarkable qualities. Like Fernet Branca, aex and

midable, strong in Bordeaux,

less strong in Burgundy, pretty

inventions, dreams that quite a lot of money can buy: Amuse gueules comprise, interalia, sticks of flaky pastry studded with shards of anchovy, ratatouille tartiets, pastry wrapped round something indecipherable and delicious, but gone in a flash. A very odd "terrine" of Roquefort and something else lactic. Served extremely cold with the first of a succession of sensationally dressed salads. dressed by Azzedine Alaia, so to speak. Also with a slightly tert tiny dice of apple and celery bound in a thru

A stripted terrine of duck confit and duck fole gras, with duck skin so crisp it makes Peking dack skin seem flabby - the pieces of skin are rolled into shapes like cedillas. For the most part, though, there is a distinct absence of fancy

Charlotte of lamb, ambergines and peoples with a tomato vinaigrette and olive oil that is positively heady. This dish prompts countless ture. An excellent creation and rather typical of fibers in that, essences of the South and familiar ones, their sum, their mation, is not pasticuiarly Mediterranean at all.

langoustine and spinsch served with momels and fried

Millefenille of foic gras crisp posses and turning mushrooms, onions, marinated veg (turnips?). Perh one pays these prices for the removal of richness. Given the ingredients, this is

Duck hear in Sautern aspic with fole gras rolled in truffle shavings, duck tripe (I kid you not) candied in truffle oil. It's at about this point that one begins to wonder what planet the chef came from Pasta: a dish called, fire

some reason or other, Speriaco. It comprises ravie of truffle, ravious of fore gras and cabbage, needles dressed with traffic swarf, a variety of butter smaces. Deserves an award for its services to flow and water.

Roust suddle of rabbin braised leg of rabbit stuffed with shallot, two sauces. Rabbit has simply never tested like this before. Blass's almost elebonical balont is actifier to mark the therear of meal, see to turn it into a caricature of. itself, but to enhance it, gently.

Beef fillet with a cross of

breadcrambs, bone marrow and hosp-radish with an Hermitage sauce. Totally novel and beguiting flavours. Calvados sossile baked in a heliowed-out apple. And va-

some of Raymond Blanc's DIRECTORY

S Fourtain Street, Hallsworth, Gloucustershire (045383 5567). California in the control of the control of the cooking in treatily thoughs out, accomplished in its execution, and deserously portioned. Fish tends to be a cut or two above the mese squid with ginger sauce, helicut with capers and peopers, mondiain with a warm xinaigratile. The puddings are quite nice too. 245-250.

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MIDDLE THICKAND

The Roebuck, Brimfield, Ludlow, Shropshire (058 472 230) There are all sorts of good things here: Dunkerton's oder, delicious chosses, rice when a decent prices. Beyond all that is the cooling which is restrained, seroury, pleasing. The chef. Carolie Brans, is good at fruit with meet and even better at local, i.e., fruitmater, fish, £83.

61 Load Street, Bewdle Worcestershire (0299 400040) Ruther old-hathbored, straightforward Franch coolding in off the peg sarroundings. Gridlers beef ris with garilcity mustircoms and fried potatione, nice tripes & in-mode of Clean, good sweets, The service is haphazand, £50.

Charles Corbett, near Kidderminster, Wormston

(0562 63676)
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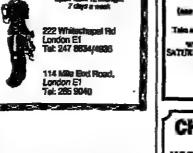
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blandly responded: "We will look at the specific complaints that have been raised. Our code of practice is not written in tablets of stone." Indeed it advertising controls, plaint is upheld, the advertisis not. It is already weak and advertisements have to get inadequate and is about to be prior approval before they can that the offending advertisement be transmitted," he says ment has been withdrawn.— The point will be discussed "Under the

at the workshop on food new system, quality at this year's Con- advertisesumer Congress at Liverpool ments will be University today, when Jack assumed to be Winkler, who runs a food all right unless research consultancy called someone com-Food and Health Research, reviews the likely effects the the damage Suspicious Government's Broadcasting will be done. Bill will have on food and Misleading.

drink advertising in Britain.
The present IBA code permits Nestle to claim Milky Bar beamed into has "goodness in every hite", when more than 90 per cent of its calonies come from far and sugar, and allows Kinder Milk casting Bill ex-Slice to be promoted as "the tends to hight spack that's full of good-television a

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which often GOODNESS means that the IN EVERY BITE already run ils COURSE. .. "A COM-

plaint system is a totally inappropriate mechanism to A regulate television advertising," Mi Winkler main tains. Even if a complaint goes in the first

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tisement is panies will have every interest damage will have been done." It is not the only danger Mr

panies financial resources. Then his food compenses, which are major advertisers, will move in as providers of capital to sponsor shows over which they will exercise editorial control. "They may actually get two bites at the cherry - in the US they bargain with the spon-

fill, which will be beyond the

television production com-

sered show for free advertising time in the commercial breaks."

Mr Winder believes there is a danger that British television will soon have commercially sponsored programmes made for children and young people which are blazant promotional ucts - like Coca-Cola's Top Ten show in America.

The risk is greatest with food, he says, because food products are those most advertised (Financial services come a poor second.) According to MEAL, £555.5 million. was spent advertising food in 1989. Another 660 aminon promoted soft dames. Mr. Winkles calculates that at least £320 million of the total week, on promoting sugared 600 and folf drulks. The billy of food advertising is joi sweetened foods, he says The majority of food affect tesceptions promote the very foods dictions say we stoud

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### WINE OFFER

# Here comes the summer

f.you are thinking ahead to the warm days of early summer, you will find The Times case of wine a perfect companion. I have made a selection of red. white and rose wines, which are ideal for drinking on their own or with a meal. They will be delivered to your door for £39.50 a case, representing excellent value and quality at a time when wines, particularly from France, are increasing in price almost every week. British wine buyers are having to cope with a 12 per cent drop in the value of the pound since last summer, on top of some punishing increases from their producers.

As in the previous Christ-summer white, plus a richer, mas offer, France provides the more full-bodied white wine backbone of this mixed sum- that could partner light, fishly, mer case, but it also includes a first courses as well as fullerfirst-class New Zealand white flavoured main-course meat and an Australian red. To and fish dishes. The two red make my selection this time, I wines include a Vin de Pays went to Thresher and Wine, that goes down well with Rack, which now offer one of almost everything except fish, the most exciting and varied at its best when served slightly ranges in the high street. In the chilled, and a heartier, more past two years the combina- robust red, whose rich fruit tion of new wine buyers and would also take well to chillmanagement has turned an ing. Finally, there is a softlyordinary off-licence group into sweet white wine that would a dynamic retailer.

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gentle, leafy-green freshness and zesty lemon and lime-like fruit. This light, 11 per cent alcohol, thirst-quenching Gascogne white would make a fine summer aperitif and would also go down well with lighter summer meals and Two bottles of 1988 Gooks

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Two bottles of Listel-Gris, Vin de Pays des Sebles du Golfe du Linn (22.99)
Every English summer deserves a bottle or two of a pretty pink rosé.

Previously, I have not been that impressed with Listel's Gris de Gris, but this summer's salmon-pink blend, made from the first pressing

blend, made from the first pressing of the Grenache. Chraunt and Carignen grapes, grown in the sandy soils in the South of France close to the Mediterranean, makes a moreish, light, strawberry-scemad mouthful. Its light, refreshing palate is best nerved well-chilled as the label suggests, and would go well with taramasalata, garlicky sausages, salami and other cold meats. Two bottles of 1988 Penfolds

Kathma Bin 28 (24.39)
Drinking a hearty Australian rad,
made entirely from the Shiraz
grape, in the summer may sound
strange. But this seductive, velvety,
deep murtic block under with the deep purple-black wine, with its intoxicating blend of cassis, blackberry and sucalyptus-like fruit, is a year-round charmer. Try drinking it lightly chilled with cold summer dishes, or at room temperature if the sun has gone in. Either way, this classy, 13 per cent alcohol Australian red, deemed one

of the best Bin 28s ever, made principally from Shiraz grapes grown at the Kalimna vineyard in the Barossa Valley, is what great Australian wine-making is all about.

 Two bottles of 1988 João Pires Muscat, White Table Wine (F1.99) The first bowls of fresh strawberries, peaches or raspherries cry out for a sweet summery wine to accompany them. summery wine to accompany them. This splendid, sofity-sweet white Portuguese wine is made by the talented Australian wine-maker Peter Bright, and has been a summer tavourite of mine since I first tasted it six years ago. It is made from muscat grapes grown in the Palmela region of Portugal, situated on the Setubal Peninsula close to Lisbon. I love its aromatic. close to Lisbon. I love its aromatic musky scant and its lively, swee musky scarr and its way, sweet, musky-grapey tasts, complete with a touch of anseed-like spritz on the finish. Apart from making a splendid summer dessert wine, try drinking this muscat chilled as an aperitif or a refreshing mid-moming or midafternoon drink, while sitting in a deck-chair in the garden.

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## THE TIMES COOK

Following a taste of NHS food, Frances Bissell decides it is time to rethink diets for the convalescent

ere is a tale with a twist or two. I had planned to write about springtime food from the South of France, collecting ideas from the markets in Antibes and Nice and from Roger Verge at Mougins. Then it became a cantionary tale for travellers and a warning not to eat raw shellfish from the Mediterranean: I was tempted by the sea urchins in a Provençal restaurant in old Antibes and flew back to London 24 hours later clutching my stomach. The food poisoning I had expected turned out to be a perforated appendix.

Thus I write, not from the sunny South about meals redolent of garlic, but from the Royal Free Hospital in north London, although I expect to be home long before you read this. I usually have no difficulty in finding culinary inspiration wherever I go, but this was a tough assignment. It is easy to score cheap tricks off the reputed awfulness of NHS food, but the truth is that it is dire. For my first day on solid food, I was offered a choice of cider and pork casserole, grilled fillet of plaice, spicy kidney bean stew, Asian vegetarian, garden peas, tinned (I'm serious) tomatoes and creamed potatoes, "one, two or three scoops". All perfectly nutritious when the catering officer and dietitian planned them, I'm sure. Some choices were marked "no salt", some "low-fat", and there was a balance of vegetarian dishes as well as meat and fish dishes. But, by the time they reached the bedside, the food was only lukewarm and the steam had caused all the smells to merge, so that the milk pudding smelled like the pork casserole and the pork casserole like hot milk. Rumour had it that the kosher food was better and that whole wards were ordering it. I ordered one meal of side salad and a tapioca pudding, but then even my spirit of gastronomic research failed, and I called a halt. No one in the ward found the food

appetizing. The gulf between what we would have liked and what we were offered was enormous. I am convinced that good quality fresh food, freshly cooked and appetizingly served, would help patients to recover so much more quickly that the savings in drug costs, nursing care and bed costs would more than cover the cost of upgrading the food service. Several doctors and nursing staff I mentioned this to did not disagree. The meals have to appeal to a wide range of ages, tastes, appetites and cultures. It requires imagination and skill, but I believe these qualities are available in abundance among the well-trained and experienced staff who graduate from our catering colleges. What is also required is a much higher level of financing and, therefore, a greater degree of priority accorded to it by the health authorities.

This experience set me thinking about food for the less than fit. What do we like to eat when we are ill or recuperating? A straw poll on the ward poison your system with juices from

## Food fit for the less than fit



turned up a number of common themes. Soups go down well, but fresh, home-made soups, not ones made from a packet or stock cubes. Turkey soup was one suggestion. Stock made from a roast turkey carcass makes a soup that tastes as if it will get you back on your feet again. Tomato soup and vegetable soup were also popular. We all liked the idea of chicken, either poached or grilled. I longed for that soothing Chinese dish called "congee", a rice gruel mixture with a little chicken in it. This is simple to make, even for an invalid, and is delicately flavoured, nourishing and easy to digest.

When you are ill, taste-buds seem to work overtime. Salty food tastes more saity and sweet food sweeter. Rich, creamy or fatty food is not welcome; neither is anything very sweet. But the sweetness from fruit can be very refreshing, especially from such things as large, thin-skinned seedless grapes or crisp sweet apples and pears. Most things that need peeling are too much of a bother, so a fresh fruit salad. moistened with a little natural fruit juice, would make an acceptable gift for someone in hospital; so, too, would fruit juices. Acidic citrus juices are not always appreciated, and I would offer instead red or white grape juice or organic pear and apple juices. All of these are delicious when diluted with still or sparkling mineral water. I do specify organic apple and pear juice - if you are trying to get better, why

fruit that might have been sprayed with Alar. I much appreciated a packet of herbal tea sachets brought for me. The clean flavours of mint in a combination with lemon verbena or linden flower are refreshing, soothing and much easier on the system than

Here are a few more ideas for food for the feeble. Turkey and barley soup

the caffeine in tea and coffee.

(makes 2pt/1.15l) 3-4tbsp pearl barley 3pt/1.7l turkey stock I small onion or shallot 1 celery stalk

Ye small fennel builb 1 bay leaf 2tbsp finely chopped parsley salt and pepper

Simmer the barley in the stock until almost tender. Meanwhile, peel and

20bsp dry sharry, optional

finely chop or slice the vegetables, and cook in the stock, together with the bay leaf. When the vegetables are cooked to your liking, add the parsley and seasoning. If using the sherry, give this a few minutes' cooking time in the soup for the alcohol to evaporate. If you do not use barley, dice some raw potato and cook with the vegetables. Shreds of turkey can also be added to enrich the soup.

Spring vegetable sou (makes 2pt/1.15l) 1 small carrot

#### Filling a hole 2 celery stalks 1 leek

ON OUR way to Jane Grigson's funeral last month, we stopped at a town in Wiltshire. A homemade meat pie or some sausases would be nice: after all, 🎁 Wiltshire is a great county

We went into one pub after the other, each worse than the sages is an excellent and last. The menu from one offered pizza, ham or cheese, scampi, chicken Kiev. chilli con came and lasagne with tries. In 1974 Mrs Grigson wrote that "the food we get publicly in England isn't so often bad English cooking as a pretentious and inferior imitation of French cooking or Italian cooking" English Food. Penguin. £7.99). Clearly things have not changed as much as we like to think.

Although I am keen on

collecting unusual recipes

from abroad, my roots are those of an English cook,

brought up in Yorkshire on

good, plain English cooking.

When I have gone as guest cook to hotels abroad. I have

cooked recipes that form part

of the extensive English, or

rather British, repertoire.

From time to time, I shall be

writing about some of them,

not in any order of importance

or preference, but rather as the

When I cooked at the

Manila Peninsula last year,

having shown the hotel's

Swiss butcher how to make

English sausages, I went on to explain to the Filipino cooks

this curious dish involving

batter being poured over hot

sausages and then baked. "Ah,

you mean toad-in-the-hole,"

said one of them. He had once

worked with an English chef in

the Middle East, so all was

Andre Simon was scathing

about this homely dish, saying

that it was "barely fit to lay

before hungry urchins at a

grammar school", and that

making it with sausages was to

coarsen Mrs Beeton's "orig-

inal" recipe made with steak.

In fact, the recipe has its

origins much earlier than the

mid-19th century Mrs Beeton.

Hannah Glasse, more than a

hundred years before, has a

recipe for "pigeons in a hole".

explained.

mood or season dictates.

Chicken and rice (serves 1 to 2) 2oz/60g medium or short grain rice 1pt/570ml water 1 small or medium boneless chicken breast, skinned freshly grated nutmeg

salt or soy sauce, to taste Put the rice and water in a saucepan and cook until the rice grains have burst and the water is thickened with rice starch. Mince, shred or finely chop the chicken and stir into the rice gruel. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes, adding more water if necessary Season lightly with nutmeg, and add salt or soy sauce if needed.

1 small turnip

3cz/85g asparagus tips, French beans

mangetout, etc

bunch of watercress

2tbsp dried cannelini or haricot beans.

well rinsed and pre-soaked

parsley stalks

2 ripe tomatoes, roughly chopped

mushroom peelings

1 bay leaf

1 sprig thyme

3pt/1.7i water

salt and pepper

and trimming the carrot, celery, leek

and turnip. Use the outer peelings for

the stock. Finely shred about one

tablespoon of leek, and finely dice

enough celery, carrot and turnip to

give you another two tablespoons of

with the beans and asparagus, and so

on. Reserve a few of the watercress

sprigs. Put the rest of the ingredients

in a saucepan with the water, bring to

the boil, and cook for 30 minutes. Put

the prepared garnish in a clean

saucepan. Strain the broth on top, and

bring to the boil. Season to taste, and

serve when the vegetables are just

ables. Cover and put to one side

Make the garnish first by washing

Pear jelly (makes 1pt/570ml) 1pt/570ml organic pear juice 4 sheets gebrine 1 large, firm, ripe sweet pear

juice of 1/2 lemon

Measure out %pt/70ml liquid into a saucepan, and soften the gelatine in this. When soft, put it over a low heat and stir until the gelatine has completely dissolved. Peel, core and slice the pear and brush it with lemon juice to prevent it discolouring. Mix the rest of the juice with the gelatine liquid. Dip the pear slices into the liquid and line individual moulds or a large one with the slices. Refrigerate until set. Carefully pour in the rest of the liquid and refrigerate until set. The pears may float away from the sides, but the jelly will still look good with the fruit suspended in it.

#### in which seasoned pigeons are placed in a dish with a nut

ain truth, a ba-

sic toad-in-thewith good saueconomical supper or lunch dish that is hard to beat. Toad-in-the-hole (serves 4) 1/230g plain or self-raising flour good pinch of salt 3 eggs scant pint/570ml semi-skimmad milk

1lb/450g good quality pork

cavity, batter is

poured over

them, and the

dish is baked. I

would be more

inclined to use

quail for her

sausages Sift the flour and salt into a bowl, and make a well in the centre. Lightly beat the eggs, and pour into the well. Gradually draw in the flour, mixing with a spoon, then slowly add the milk, stirring all the while to ensure a smooth, lump-free mixture. Once all the ingredients have been incorporated, beat vigorously until the mixture becomes noticeably lighter and bubbly, with the consistency of single cream. The batter can also be made in a food processor or blender. Cover and put to one side while you prepare the sausages. Prick these to prevent them from bursting, and fry them all over for 10 minutes. until the fat has run. Use some of the fat to grease a roasting tin (about 10x12in), which you then heat in a hot oven. Alternatively, you can put the pricked sausages in the roasting tin, and cook them in a hot oven for 10 minutes and then drain away some of the fat. Remove the sausages from the roasting tin, and pour a quarter of the batter into the hot tin. Return it to the oven, and bake for five minutes at 220°C/425°F/gas mark 7. Take the roasting tin out of the oven, and arrange the sausages

on top. Pour on the rest of the

batter, and bake for a further

35 to 40 minutes, without

opening the oven door, until

the batter is golden-brown and



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## What is there to be afraid of?

Victoria Glendinning explores contradictory responses to the essentially unknowable meaning and nature of death

effections on death turn out to be reflections on life, since no one with first-hand experience of the event is available to be interviewed. Wittgenstein said that death was not an event in life at all, as it is not lived through. Rosemary Dinnage, addressing the difficulty, writes that our fears and beliefs about dying are set in childhood, and that the people whom she interviewed were talking about "whatever in their experience and fantesics had mount death".

She transcribes the responses of nearly two dozen people, some identified by their full names and some by first names only - dons, writers, suicidal housewives, the bereaved, the terminally ill, an Aids sufferer, an archdeacon, a gypsy, a rabbi, a fireman, an anthropologis - and Dr Jonathan Miller, who witters amiably about his deathintoxicated nanny, whose dark sayings, unforgotten, show how literally children take figurative speech. Little Jonathan visualized people "laying down their lives" exactly as they laid wreaths on the Cenotaph. "Your mother is at death's door," said nanny, and he imagined her forlornly waiting on

The people who have stood at death's door in The Ruffian on the Stair can in fact tell us something. Out-of-body experiences - the feeling that you are looking down from above on the room and on your own body lying in bed - are common. Several people (including myself, once, with viral pneumo-nia) have felt they are alipping down a long tunnel with a bright light at the end, and that it is easier and pleasanter to go on sliding towards it. As a paediatrician in The Noble Tradition says, a tiny beby in an incubator is not fighting for its life, it is "desperately trying

For those frightened of death, the most comforting as well as the most interesting idea to emerge from this worthwhile book is that the deathinstinct is as important and as positive as the life-instinct. The spiritualist medium insists that "life doesn't matter as such" (I specially like the "as such"). An analyst says, "We are handicapped if we have only the life-wish," and a moral philosopher speaks of the "transcendental egotism" of the desire for immortality. The analyst's observation that those most scared of dying are those who are

his dual biography of the Churchills is advertised as

remarkable figures of the century

... considered from the perspec

his life". I have greatly enjoyed

Richard Hough's earlier books, especially his biographies of Mountbatten and his wife, Edwina.

These were thoroughly researched,

they made good reading at the time,

and their place on the shelf has

been more than justified by the

ve of the central relation

"the career of one of the most

"very attached to their own personalities" may not be contradicted by one interviewee whose terror springs from the fragility of her "me-ness"; she feels like balsawood held together with glue, and

permanently death-threatened. The anthropologist speaks of ethnoscience, which means "a local attempt at absolute knowledge". The archdeacon, who believes in Heaven, illustrates this concept when he says that for some people Heaven is perceived as a decent semi with a good garden, while for himself it might be "listening to late Beethoven and eating grapes". No one in this book believes in Hell - as such. The medium, who is very good value, thinks bad souls are "just floating about by them-selves", and that the ones who

THE RUFFIAN ON THE STAIR: Reflections on Death Edited and introduced by Rosenary Dinnage Viking, £14.99 THE NOBLE TRADITION: Interviews with the Medical Profession

By Danny Damiger

Viking, £14.99

respond to ouija boards and other frivolous devices are "riff-raff, by and large". The spirit world is no respecter of persons. "People like Henry VIII, who are always coming back, are very basic spirits and have an awful lot to learn.

The healthy-living industry, especially in America, has a pathological subtext which suggests that if you perform certain dietary and other rites you will sidestep death. Less neurotic is the terminal patient to whom Rosemary Dinnage's book is dedicated, a Catholic who saw no point going to Lourdes, even for a miracle, because "I've still got to die, I'm not going to live for ever." Medical doctors may have their own special problems of death-denial. As Jonathan Miller says, death for thom is just something that happens to a special category of person called

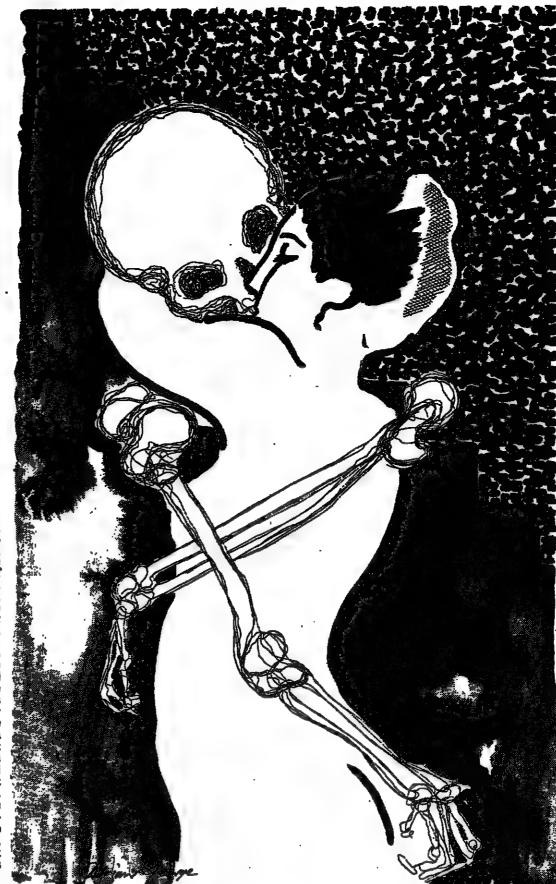
Danny Danziger, in The Noble Art, has interviewed clinicians, researchers, nurses and para-medics, all named, from every speciality you can think of — and Dr Anthony Clare (books like these have to include one person whom everyone has heard of). He is not alone in conceding that it was the "romance and drama" of medicine which attracted him to the profession. "I like the corridors of hospitals, I like the nurses, I like the gossip and the politics," says the geriatrician.

Those most excited about their work are those involved in new techniques for inspecting, repairing or removing bits inside the body by means of computerized X-rays, magnetic resonance imaging, and the manipulation of tubes, probes and telescopes. They speak lyrically of the "beauty" of the inside of a bowel or a Fallopian tube. Noninvasive procedures and microsurgery are coming between the traditional surgeon and his bankbalance.

But the surgeons still feel like gods. They love the rituals and the hierarchies of the theatre, "The operating room is lovely ... It's like an extremely posh restaurant." They love the robing, the solem-nity, the handwashing, the first incision. The ENT surgeon is never tired after a day's operating. What exhausts him is talking to patients, which I find wearying, and not at all exhilarating". A vocation for medicine is not necessarily a vocation for caring about people.

The interviews reveal how much cynicism, disillusion and frustration there is in the profession because of the "strangling" of the NHS. It is not the commitment of the GPs, nurses and overworked hospital doctors — "grey shells", some of them, by the time they are 50 - that is in question here, but the impossible situations in which they find themselves.

Most English people die in a hospital which is likely to be understatied and underfunded. The inhabitants of North Uist in the Hebrides are luckier, there, says their GP (one of the handful for whom medicine is in truth a noble profession), the atmosphere at a deathbed is "calm and almost jocular". One death-scared woman in The Ruffian on the Stair would not feel so bad if it could happen at home, "with the dog on the bed". The best way to go is Penelope Betjeman's, as described by Jona-than Miller: "She was leading a trip in India. She got off her donkey, and sat on a rock, and said, 'Isn't that nice', and fell off it, and was



Man or woman, eve

Derhaps it had to come, but this gardener, at least, is horrified. Plants For Profit, subtitled "Dozens of Ways to Make Gardening Pay" more than anything else made me want to leap. away to country lane or wild, hillside (if such are still to be found un-bulldozed, sprayed or negotiated away as planning gain) to wonder and admire for the sheer delight of it.

This book is a product of ourtimes, and a curiously distressing form of it, akin perhaps to those exquisitely crafted expensive and horrible flower jewels that so absolutely miss the point. People may sell plants to recoup their costs, to support charitable enterprise, or to make a living (even the nurseryman delights in his produce), but to set out from the beginning to profit from your plants, this just seems wrong. The blue rose on its cover on closer inspection turns out to be made of £5 notes: that says it all.

One thing that may have influenced my intemperate reaction to this well-meaning book was surprise at discovering its author to be a woman; I had assumed it to be by a man. When you think you can tell the difference, it is disconcerting to be proved wrong. Is it today's unisex approach yet again leaving us the poorer, or do we, in this age of extreme sexual sensitivity, just have to find new labels for what we. can clearly recognize as different approaches to writing?

Joyce Robinson's Glorious Dis-array (Michael Joseph, £14.99) is an interesting example. Though in its way a book very much by a woman, in its texture, tone and approach, it yet reminded fac-curiously of a Henry Moore bronze, in something of a strong, quiet. containment, female expressed by

Glorious Disarray describes the creation of Denman's justly famed Sussex garden. Creation is perhaps the wrong word, suggesting as it does a single act, a complex whole brought into existence by the waving of a magic wand. When one

Alexander Kent (aka Douglas) Reeman) is an old hand at a naval historical novel. After reading some of the newer fellows, it is a relief to fall into a book which you know will be well constructed, well written, which has an exciting tory

As a former naval officer, Alexander Kent knows what it is like to be at sea — and in the twentieth book of the series, Richard Bolitho, his sailor hero, now a vice-admiral in 1806, is hastening to Cape Town where the Army is attempting to capture the town: from the Dutch, allies of the French. The war is not over. Napoleon is not defeated. By a daring manoeuvre of a fireship, the Dutch ships are destroyed - but at a cost, which Richard Bolitho never and admire.

The book ends with the second Battle of Copenhagen, but not before he has been on a secret mission to the Danes, and been betrayed on his return across a stormy North Sea. Action at sea and at home - his love Catherine (like Nelson's Emma, the wife of another man) would min his career, were it peacetime. As it is: many friends and some of his family cannot accept their open.

## Roll up for the Winnie and Clemmie show

**Hugo Vickers** 

WINSTON & CLEMENTINE: The Triumph of the Churchills By Richard Hough Bantam Press, £16.95

many times they have since been consulted. Lately, however, Mr most of the points. It remains essentially Winston's book, and I Hough has taken a trip downsuspect that Mr Hough feels more at ease with him than with Clemmie. At £16.95 for some 540 This biography of the Churchills makes easy reading and covers

pages, nobody can say he does not give value for money. On the other hand, what does he give? He has switches to the first person) rather their friendship had easily surhand, what does he give? He has combed the rich and always rewarding source of Martin Gilbert's companion volumes to the official biography. He delves into his own earlier works on the naval battles of World Wars I and II, and his biography of Lord Fisher. He relies heavily and always enjoyably on the admirable and elegant prose of Lady Violet Bonham Carter and Lady Soames, But, beyond that, he does not go far. There was little in this book that any Churchill reader

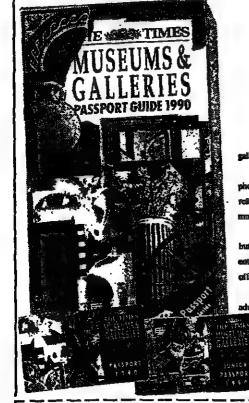
irksome. It made me wonder if perhaps this was a treatment for some future television special: "Winnie and Clemmie"

Then, alas, the book is peppered with literal errors, Maurice Bon-ham Carter marrying Cynthia As-quith on one page, Violet Asquith on another, Frewin rather than Frewen, Hakewell rather than Hakewill Smith, Averill rather than Averell Harriman. Had Mr Hough looked further afield, he might also

vived political differences", yet in 1918, the duke wrote of the Churchills: "I do not mean to go into their house again - till order reiens in this country - and they have learnt their proper place."
And he makes the brave assertion that "for all his married life, (Winston) remained innocent of adultery". I think Hough should have at least discussed the possible role of Viscountess Castlerosse in this matter. In September 1936, she

and Winston were staying with Maxine Elliott in the South of France. Winston wrote to the absent Clemmie: "We have here only Doris, a young French film actress (vy pretty but not vy successful)". Churchill painted a rare portrait of the sultry long legged blonde, now in the Marquess of Bath's collection of Churchilliana at Longlest. Other guests at the house at the time have sug-gested that Mr Hough might be wrong, but it must be said that there were no rules where Doris was concerned, and Churchill was depressed at the time.

I fervently hope that Mr Hough's next book will emulate his earlier works, rather than the last two.



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## Exclusive affection for a small tortoise

terms with a tortoise will agree with Roald Dabl that they are "nice little things". They are not demanding. like cats, or frisky, like dogs, or talkative, like parrots, or slithy, like snakes. They potter about in a comfy and dignified fashion, and there's every reason why widowed Mrs Silver, living alone in a highrise flat, should give all her love to Alfie, who has a little abode on her

balcony.

Alfie, however, rouses jealons passions in old Mr Hoppy, who lives in the flat above. For Mr Hoppy would like to give all his love to Mrs Silver, but is frustrated by a native shyness, and by the exclusive affection that the lady lavishes on the tortoise. How can he direct her amorous enthusiasm away from the tortoise and towards

His chance comes in the course of a balcony-to-balcony conversation, when he discovers that Mrs Silver is deeply agitated by Alfie's failure to grow. In 11 years he has only put on three ounces, and she believes that being so titchy is making him miserable. Mr Hoppy is inspired. With wonderful guile he produces a magic incantation, learned "from a Bedouin tribesman", which will unfailingly make tortoises grow;

Esio trot, esio trot, Teg reggib reggib Emoc no, esio trot. . .

and with fiendish ingenuity he devises a plan that will assuredly convince Mrs Silver that the for-



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**Brian Alderson** 

mula works. Indeed he is almost too successful, for Alfie eventually seems to have grown too big to go in his house, and before Mr Hoppy finally gains Mrs Silver's undying love he has to make the beast a little bit smaller again.

Esio Trot reveals Rould Dahl at

his sunniest and best. The brief, shapely story leaves no room for baroque self-indulgence, and Dahl's chummy, button-holing manner exactly suits the whole amiable joke. Furthermore, Quentin Blake's drawings make a perfect accompaniment. Page by page they mirror the developing comedy, and who else could create the definitive Mr Hoppy and Mrs Silver with such automatic ease, or give a bevy of tortoises so much character with a bare flick of the pen?

## シャ シャライン まいから アンドラン Messages

ne of the great attractions of crime fiction is the way in which the reader which the reader can be drawn into an unfamiliar but compelling world. By a quirk of good fortune, the four books reviewed here are enriched by excellent descriptions of alien but fascinating environments, all on the fringes of normal or accepted society. Tony Hillerman's A Thief of

Time is one of his best. It tells the story of the involvement of a Navajo Indian lieutenant, Joe Leaphorn, in an investigation into the disappearance of a woman anthropologist, who might or might not have been stealing pots from ancient burial sites in the sacred Navajo mountains. The writing provides a rich portrait of the intricate and subtle undercurrents of the tribal Navajo Indians, whose private philosophy offers a magical and mysterious background to the complicated detection of a series of interlocking crimes.

It is a tale told at three levels: the clever unravelling of clues of painstaking detection, coupled to an imaginative insight into the motives of men and women; an unsentimental yet memorable picture of the uneasy juxtaposition of ancient myths and beliefs with the modern-day aspirations of tribal Indians; and the hero's reluctant but final acceptance of the death of his beloved wife. All this set in an

exotic and haunted landscape.

Jim Thompson (born 1906, died-1977) has recently been rediscovered by critics who place him on the same pedestal as Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler. However, although Thompson's books deal with the violence and low life associated with the hard-boiled American school, his heroes, unlighthose of Hammett and Chandler, are neither moral crusaders nor-

## How to think like a

Deep ecology is a fundamentalist philosophy popularized in the early 1970s by a Norwegian philosopher who writes quirky but enjoyable books, full of Gestalt and holism.

Bill Devall has written a serious and lucid account of this radical green creed. It is written against a backdrop of disappearing North American wilderness and, reading it in the idyllic English countryside in the warm spring rain, I felt in full sympathy with its values.

However, although Devall claims to tell us how to live a green life, he offers only principles, although there are a lot of these. Deep ecologists meditate; they evolve strategies, study conflicts, invent terms, offer initiatives, provide guidelines, and finally unsurprisingly for an academic global chite, recommend that we see ourselves as students, not stewards of the earth. They think Taoist, adapt rituals from American In-dians and mix Buddhist maxims with martial arts metaphors, but **Anna Bramwell** 

SIMPLE IN MEANS. RICH IN ENDS: Practising Deep Ecology
By Bull Devall Green Print, £7.99

concrete recommendations are limited to civil disobedience are "direct action" to protect endangered west

Deep ecologists believe that Nature is inherently benevolent, that if you "think like a mountain", "sing like a river" and become "one with the earth", you can avoid painful conflicts and choices. To them, only man is cruel, not Nature. They reject reformist greens on the grounds that the reformists think of "narrow human well-being rather than the more inclusive well-being of all living beings". But is an inclusive well-being possible? In the long-train, Nature is not benevolent.

serious gardener must delight in his toil, says Ruth Stungo

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author's daughter, Ann orick, and curiously old-fashmanual, would be an ideal book for in feel, this contributing not a a timorous beginner. I suspect, to one's enjoyment, Another master of his subject is photographs, too, show as in that, though informal and Allen Paterson, director of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamil-/ planted, shows all the signs of ton, Ontario, and a considerable herb enthusiast. His Herbs in the d therein is a rich and joyful Garden is now available in paperction of thoughts, giving the back (J. M. Dent, £8.95). Long years of experience growing herbs



Down the garden path: illustration from Glorious Disarray

on both sides of the Atlantic have in turn gives this book a satisfyingly worldwide, multi-faceted approach, far removed from the fussy homespun nature of so many books on the subject. We are invited to question some accepted ideas about what herbs are: what, for example, are forsythia and magnolia doing here alongside the more familiar thyme and rosemary? (The answer lies in his chosen definition of herbs

simply as plants useful to man.) Allen Paterson was for many years curator of the Chelsea Physic Garden, and his familiarity with the writings of its early apothecaries and gardeners has been put to good use. As well as the great Philip Miller of Gardener's Dictionary fame, his less well known namesake and contemporary, the apothecary Joseph Miller, author of the 1722 survey of medicinal herbs Botanicum Officinale, is quoted extensively. Their common quest for a level-headed, scientific ap-proach to the knowledge of their own time resonates in sympathy with Allen Paterson's account of the state of the art today.

How pleasant it is to follow a teacher so rollicking and fresh in his style, so able to bind together practical information on distribution of species and ecology, and architectural use of plants in garden design, as well as telling you how to preserve and use them in the home. And always the approach is by explanation and interpretation, rather than simple prescription. Ornamental herb gardening, he points out, is not a long-lived tradition, but something which sprang into life only at the beginning of this century. Use of herbs for their medicinal value, on the other hand, has a history as long as man's own yet here, too, there is an awakening to new possibilities, When major drug manufacturers are showing a revived interest in plants as a source of drugs, his extensive quotations from the Chinese The Barefoot Doctor's Manual has an increased significance. This is a thoroughly modern herbal.

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himself. In this he differed sharply from his brother Lord Kemsley, whose square-clipped moustache increased his resemblance to one of the Marx brothers, and who became ever more foolishly plutocratic as his power and wealth If an opportunity has been

missed here, many others are most effectively grasped. Of the vibrant procession of ripe characters who peopled the two Telegraphs during the Berry years, some are no more than outré. Others are monstrous. Peter Eastwood, managing editor of the daily paper from 1970 to the end, is described as "the most hated man ever to work at 135 Fleet Street", and overwhelming evidence is supplied to confirm the ement, H. D. Ziman, who subedited Churchill's The Gathering Storm for serialization, was described by Anthony Powell as "an Homeric bore, perhaps captaining

final, Hartwell, period, corres-

ponding to modern times (it began

in 1954), runs at five pages a year until the fearful Wagnerian dénoue-ment of 1985-6, where three pages

It is an appropriate way of

proceeding for an essentially narrative account of the inner life of

the paper. It begins as an interesting, well-informed and exhilaratingly candid story about a

familiar part of the scenery in which literate people live. The world outside the paper grinds

away at the periphery of attention,

for most of the time as a supplier of

raw material (news and the paper to

print it on), but increasingly in the form of financially destructive

forces such as union brigandage

and the need for large new invest-

ment. This is a tragic drama in which the fatal flaw of its generally admirable hero, his inaccessibility,

in the end brings the whole structure crashing about him.

A drama needs characters, and

they are to be found in The House The Berrys Built in abundance and

in three dimensions. Lord Camruss is at once the most important and

the least colourful, unlike his elder

brother, Lord Buckland, a great

philanthropist to Merthyr Tydfil

but "a sharp financial operator"

and, in a different way, his younger

brother, Lord Kemsley, The latter, who was his brother's right-hand man until they divided the empire between them in 1937, receives

only perfunctory attention. An appetite for more is excited by Hart-Davis's firm comparison of

"The very least that can be said

of [Camrose] is that he never

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are given to each month.

Just over the boundary into the domain of the merely outre are Colin Coote, editor of the daily paper from 1950 to 1964, and Hugo Wortham, who ran the Peter-

the British team

# The rise and fall of a newspaper dynasty

Anthony Quinton reads the story of the uff Hart-Davis has arranged his history of *The Daily Telegraph* in a perspectival fashion, much passing of an institution, which marked like that of H. G. Wells's Outline of the end of the Fleet Street tradition History. The long drawn out epoch of the Levy-Lawsons, like that of the dinosaurs, is dispatched in a THE HOUSE potonsp column chapter that averages four years to a THE BERRYS BUILT: thing is the expage. The Camrose years, with for 25 years until tent to which about four pages each, correspond his death in Inside The Telegraph Camrose and to the rise of man from flint-1959. Coote is 1928-1986 knapping to the steam engine. The characterized by

> and many instances are given of his inability to respond to the delivery of information with anything but the remark "I know, I know", a disabling weakness in a newspaper editor. Wortham was an Edwardian relic, who wore a grey Derby hat to work and knew about claret, music, trains and his uncle,

Hart-Davis as

idle and aloof,

Oscar Browning

Hartwell really ran the paper. By Duff Hart-Davis Hodder & Stoughton, £16.95 Editor-in-chief was not an honorific title for them. They were not concerned, like Beaverbrook, to influence policy or, primarily, to make money. They inherited an emphasis on

news for its own sake from the

preceding regime, and for both it

remained the overriding priority. The intensity of their involvement had some bad effects, particularly during the Hartwell period,

was not financially expert, and so the paper had neither organization nor reserves when it ran into trouble in the early 1980s. Because of extreme shyness, he was even more remote than his father had been, so that when he was told anything it was what his informants thought he would like to hear. When financially expert people did get involved, in the last catastrophic phase of Berry control, they were amazed at the amateurism they uncovered.

Duff Hart-Davis's dramatic technique and emphasis on individuals makes this a succulent piece of reading. He has assembled a mass of well-organized detail, paid it out at an accelerating pace, concluded it with high drama in the Hilton Hotel at Kennedy airport, where the business was, in effect, handed on a plate to Conrad Black, and maintained throughout a spiendidly unfudged clarity of utterance.



Portrait of a press baron: Lord Camrose in 1935. "He never succembed to delesions of grandeur

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a Dark Wood Wandering, by a S. Hasse (Hutchinson, 95). First published in Holland 949, this huse historical novel been revised and edited by ta Miller from a translation by ries of Orieans from the day of pirtk to the day of his death, 75 a later. Nephew of the mad g Charles, his father murdered a feud with the Duke of gundy, he was captured at ncourt, spending 25 years in livity. He married three times boy to the widow of Richard II, ionne, daughter of the house of lagnac, and to his niece Marie Cleves, Their son, born three is before Charles's death, would ouis XIL Had Charles not been

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The Rip Off (Corgi, £2.99),

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is constantly in need of money, ys at the mercy of unpulous women, and frequently

ble to understand the real ning of others' actions. Sur-ided by off-beat gangsters, ming molls and unlikely cops,

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HISTORICALS tron of poets (like François Villon) would we have heard of him? In a book that is part history, part novel,

> to make us feel that the peace-loving and amiable Charles was an essential part in exceptionally turbulent and unsettling times.

> ● The Wingless Bird, by Catherine Cookson (Bantam Press, £12.95). At Christmas 1913, serving in her father's sweet shop in Newcastle, Agnes Conway encounters her future husband and fate over the purchase of two dozen sugar mice. Upward aspirations for a clever young woman and her pretty sister in Spring Street collide with the views of the Farrier family, who become her in-laws when she marries into the gentry. Catherine Cookson is at her most convincing when describing bardship and mis-ery - her characters less powerful when happy and contented. As ever, a gripping story ending in the 1920s, with a coda in 1949.

> ● The Regency, by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles (Macdonald,

called "Dynasty": constant lookings-up of the family trees of the intertwined Morland and Chebrasford families will be needed if you start here. Heiress to the Yorkshire Morland fortune is Fanny, 12 at the beginning of the book in 1807, 19 at its end - a spoilt, clever girl with all the worst impulses, at war with her stepmother Henrietta. Several romances evolve and end, happily and unhappily — an undemanding, pleasant book, particularly for those already in the know and penting for the next instalment.

■ Empress, by Graham Masterton (Hamish Hamilton, £13.99). Lucy Darling, growing up in a small town marry her childhood sweetheart, is brutally raped by her uncle, and shortly afterwards inherits his Californian oil well. Taking her father into high society on the East Coast, she marries an aristocratic young Englishman, who eventually becomes Viceroy of India, Dark secrets of her birth mingle with dark secrets about practically everyone, with a number of violent sex scenes lingeringly described. Melodrama with a high improbability factor.

supporting cast of girl friends, ex-

lovers and gourmet cooks, who mostly meet at Anita's, New York's famous lesbian night club. Skid provides a vivid and often moving

account of an enclosed environ-

ment with its own ritual, taboos

and committed friendships.

Michael Dibden's The Tryst

(Faber, £3.50), deals at different

levels with a psychologist's failed

marriage, her runaway patient's involvement with a glue-sniffing gang and an old man's fatal

subtle, absorbing novel of despair

and menace, a tale that is also

illuminated by flashes of humour and enriched by a series of histori-

cal flashbacks. The intricate inter-

weaving of the various strands is

achieved by a careful balance of

plot and character, but it is in the

brilliant evocation of the three lost

souls, Aileen, Steve and Matthew,

who form the core of this unusual

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Press, £2.99) gives us an insight into another, different, world: that

of the closely knit lesbian commu-

nity. Photographer Violet Childes, daughter of private eye Victor

Childes, sets out to discover who

brutally shot her father on a New

York sidewalk on St Valentine's

Day. Violet's search for the killer

finds her in a mental hospital where

bizarre experiments take place and

which is owned by her father's old

enemy, the millionaire John Yardley. There is an intriguing

Maud Farrell's Skid (Women's

rediscovering.

# Morality and style:

the end of a story

There is a special fascination in unfinished works of art — Schobert's Eighth, Mahler's Tenth, Drood, "Strange Meeting" — an awful temptation to second-guess greatness, supply resolutions and

At his death in 1894, Stevenson left two novels incomplete. Weir of Hermiston has long — and rather oddly — been regarded as his masterpiece, in germ at least. St Ives, even in truncated form his longest novel, has been largely ignored, or dismissed as an uncertain sequence of cheap narrative shots, a symptom of Stevenson's galling tendency to set aside the darker metaphysical speculations of "Jekyll and Hyde" in favour of

In 1893 and 1894, the ailing Stevenson, exiled in Samoa, was increasingly desperate for funds to support a ruthlessly prodigal family. Even so, St Ives cost him more trouble than almost any other book, and there is little sign in it of willingness to accept short cuts.

In one sense, St Ives is the purest adventure story Stevenson wrote. It has little of the superficial narrative complication of Treasure Island, and little of the sweep of Kidnapped, though its geographical range is every bit as generous. St Ives is a soldier of Napoleon, imprisoned in Edinburgh Castle. He is an aristocrat, but a mere infantryman. Having rather selfconsciously and unconvincingly fallen in love with a Scots girl, and after killing a fellow inmate who insults her, he learns that his uncle, a pre-Bonapartist exile in England has disinherited an older cousin. St Ives escapes and makes his way south, where he "comes into his fortune" a great deal earlier in the proceedings than was David Bal-four's lot in Kidnapped.

Everything about St Ives is carefully ambiguous. His social standing, his loyalties and affec-tions, his very words are untrustFICTION Brian Morton ST IVES

By Robert Louis Stevenson (Chapters XXXI-XXXV by Jenni Calder) Richard Drew, £4,99

worthy; like his creator, he is cynical dandy, who makes a morality of style. Stevenson's genius, as in all his later work, is his subtle manipulation of voice, rather than the conventional detional concerns of justice, fortune and marriage. It is a quality easily missed (recent criticism has shown how very important late stories like

"The Beach of Falesa" were bowdlerized and "normalized" by Stevenson's London editors, distant both in sea-miles from Samoa and in literary sympathy), and it is the quality that is all but absent from Jenni Calder's impeccably plausible conclusion, which draws on new manuscript findings. Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch had attempted a similar resolution of the plot in 1897, but, as he himself recognized, his devices creaked

It is possible to see in St Ives's journey into England and covert return to Edinburgh an unconscious echo of the Jacobite rising. At the start of his journey, the Frenchman has an encounter in the Border hills with Sir Walter Scott. Scott, too, ruined his health chasing royalties, and Stevenson slyly uses the incident to blur fact

At his best when the social landscape was foggy and questions of legitimacy most acute, Stevenson was never more of a Scot than at the end of his life, when Scotland had sunk, slightly skewed, into his memory and imagination.

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CALA CONCE been invented in honour or por Dorough Now old enough to draw a pension, the Arkansas draw a pension a generous draw a pension, the Arkamas plants still sports a generous pony-tail, and, despite the blue blazer, is still the living embodiment of Fifties' cool.

Dorough has been a respected fixture on the American cabaret

decade. One of his earness and most unusual jobs was working as accompanist to Sugar Ray Robinshie beef career son during the boxer's brief career as an entertainer. In 1962 he had the rare privilege of recording with sextet led by Miles Davis.

Dave Frishberg and Blossom Dearie are two of the artists who bear are two of the artists who bear come under Dorough's beaccompanist to Sugar Ray Robin-son during the boxer's brief career

ORGE GERON

Dearie are two of the artists who have come under Dorough's benign influence. He composed the music for Frishberg's "I'm Hip", a satirical number aimed at all the satirical number aimed at all the CONCERT satisfied number aimed at all the would-be Kerouacs shumped on bar stools from San Francisco to

bar stools from San Francisco

AND MARIA

His high, fluttering voice and ironic wit work perfectly in a piano bar or small chib. All he needs are sympathetic listeners who are in tune with most of the in-jokes. That element was sorely lacking at Pizza on the Park, where lecking at Pizza on the Park, where Dorough opened to a sparse andience which reacted with typiaudience which reacted audience which reacted audience which reserve.

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"I'm Hip" sank without trace.
Dorough had better luck with Jorough had better luck with tracks along by Hoagy Carmichael, lohnny Mercer and Cole Porter, and "In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening" was carried along on some robust chording. Like a jazz instrumentalist, Dorough's voice approaches each line of the lyrics from unexpected angles, bending from unexpected angles, bending and splicing the phrases at will.

His early tune "Devil May Care" was a reminder of his solid bop schooling. Some of his other originals — the ballad "The Sleeping Time", for instance - were not so distinguished. Like Frishberg, Dorough tends to slip into pathos when he slows the pace. New York: Holly Hill reports on August Wilson's The Piano Lesson, which has won him a Pulitzer Prize

# Keys to the black heritage

bestriding worlds, August Wilson in his plays fuses everyday reality and dimensions beyond. He has just won his second Pulitzer Prize in three years, for his new Broadway drama. The Piano Lesson (playing at the Walter Kerr Theatre), in which the past and the future wage war and the protagonist battles physically with a ghost. Fourth in Wilson's cycle of

plays about Afro-Americans in each decade of this century, The Piano Lesson is set in 1936. To the Pittsburgh home of his sister Berniece, Boy Willie journeys from the South with a truckload of water-melons to sell. Willie's uitimate aim, however, is to sell the heirloom he co-owns with Berniece. It is a piano on which their great-grandfather carved images of his family dispersed by slavery, and for which their father died. To Willie, the relic of the past is the key to future ownership of farm-land on which his ancestors slaved; to Bernicce, selling the piano would be a sacrilege.

This symbolic battle over the piano embraces the personal, family and racial heritage, and the spiritual and material future of Boy Willie and Berniece, their uncles, two friends, and the widowed Bernico's daughter. As is characteristic of Wilson, these issues unfold in extensive exposition in Act I, enlivened by a haunting worker's chant with an African zest, and a honky-tonk

tune sung by the men.
In Act II, after comic and tender near-seductions (Wilson's plays exude sexuality), the conflict explodes in two wildly theatrical sequences. One combines two piano-movers, a drunk piano player, a preacher, and a character with a gun, in action that is at once hilarious and scary. In the penul-timate scene, Boy Willie wrestles with the ghost of a white family enemy - a ghost unseen by the



Musical metaphor: Charles S. Dutton and Rocky Carroll examine the carved heirloom that is the centrepiece of The Piano Lesson

andience throughout the play except in shafts of light, billowing curtains, the sound of wind, and the sound and sight of the piano playing itself.

Boy Willie, played with nearly

superhuman vitality by Charles S. Dutton – the electrifying actor who made his Broadway debut as the trumpeter, Levee, in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom – joins Ma, Levee and Wilson's other protagonists in his gallery of larger-than-life characters. The supporting roles are superbly acted in Lloyd Richards's virtually flawless production.

Wilson's and Richards' fifth collaboration is the premiere, at

religious man who proselytizes for an unseen prophetess some 300 years old. With great vitality, they spin tales of treachery from whites and from their own kind, weave their dreams, and try to get by. In its present version, however, Two Trains Running has no urgent conflict, and the character of the waitress, Risa, begs for

Young and lovely, Risa has scarred her legs to repel men. At a post-performance discussion, August Wilson disclosed that he did not know why Risa had cut herself and had decided not to find out. Wilson once said that he did not know how to write for the band in

Ma Rainey until a friend suegested that he go down into the rehearsal room and listen to them talk. Maybe he should take a Risa away for a weekend.

Wilson's first two plays, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom and Fences, were tragedies. Subsequently, in Joe Turner's Come and Gone, The Piano Lesson and Two Trains Running, he has created a new type of drama: plays of grace. His characters, in themselves and their heritage, have aircady suffered tragedies; as the action unfolds they transcend them, finding renewal directly or indirectly in combined strains of African and Christian spirituality.

RADIO Martin Cropper

THE most "cinematic" of Dickens's novels is the one with the last reel missing-a lack which has been filled by more than a dozen completists, including the late. Felix Aylmer. David Buck's version of The Mystery of Edwin Drood (World Service, Sunday) kicked off energetically with lan-Holm as John Jasper, choirmaster. and junkie, and with a healthy, respect for the extant text. It is a vigorous, straightfaced adapta-tion; "character" is signalled incapital letters as though following the instructions on the packet; no, surprises here. If Jasper turns outto be the murderer, one's sus-picions about the Dickens industry being a stuck record will be. confirmed.

But 1953 (Radio 3, yesterday) took a liberty with Andromache in; an extremely free adaptation by Craig Raine — Miller's Tosca by other means. Imagine that Germany triumphed in the last war,. that London has been devastated; by gas and anthrax, and that the widow of the Prince of Wales (hanged) has been given to Mussolini's son as a kind of tip. Strain probability yet further by picturing one Klaus von Orestesdescending on Rome to reclaim the German princess to whom young Mussolini has been of-ficially pledged. Then take leave of your senses and imagine a "Martian" poet rendering this farrago in designer-vernacular — colloquial English. Racine sounds ridiculous when translated into rhyming couplets, but Raine achieved this effect off his own bat.

Raine's canon lives and breathes the perceptions of childhood. Perhaps he will have en-joyed Dan Dare: Pilot of the Future (Radio 4, Thursday), a four-part serial coinciding with the relaunch of the comic-strip hero in a revamped Eagle. Parachuting onto Venus with only a paralyzing pistol between them and perdition, Dan and Digby found that parody had been there before them. Colonel Dare, poor sap, is a pilot of the past, and no amount of "greening" will rescue him from his polychrome time-warp.

# Feminist princesses

Sheridan Morley

THE simplest ideas usually work best for arts documentaries, and it often takes a newcomer to think of them. Nicola Roberts, in her first television film for Arena (BBC 2), took Machiavelli's The Prince spert and put it together again for

Whether interviewing everyone from Antonia Fraser to Kate. O'Mara, phundering archive footc of Mariene Dietrich as the Scarlet Empress, listening to Eartha Kitt wanting to be evil, or just watching schoolgirls applied-ing Joan Collins impersonators, Miss Roberts seemed to have no particular theory of her own, merely a vague curiosity about what ten years of Thatcherism had done to femmes futales.

It was left to Julian Critchley to

play his usual bemused Dr. Watson, arguably the best characterization of that role since Nigel Bruce in the Basil Rathbone movies. How much better, mused Critchley, if his leader could have been more like Laura Ashley than Flizabeth I, though quite what Britain's first wallpaper and fabrics prime minister could have done for us was never explained

by him or anyone else. Somewhere between a feminist teach-in at a north London poly-

the Late Show, "the princess" roamed on around the archives, coming up with a hilarions if anonymous Lady Macbeth in full evening dress with match-ing pearls, and a woman who pointed out that American capital-ism in the shape of Hoovers and microwaves had done a lot more for women than English sociologist ideals. Nobody mentioned imelds Marcos or Ivana Trump or Leona Helmsley, but I guess they were only princesses by marriage.
Into the usual wastelands of Tridley night have come two strong new dramas from Australia. Bang-

kak Hilton (BBC 1) promises to be an immensely compulsive mini-series in which Denholm Elliott plays a disgraced Sandburst officer starting a new life in Sydney. An unlucky affair with a local heiress leads him to Bangkok where he is reunited with his daughter in the infamous local prison of the title. Now view on.

promising new police series with Tim Pigott-Smith as a tough Nottingham cop moved to Nor-folk as Chief Constable of East Anglia and there forced to deal with the local politics of policing as well as a topical prison riot.

Shot on its local patch by Anglia

# Majestic revisiting of familiar orchestral territory

CONCERTS Paul Griffiths

> CBSO/Rattle Town Hall Birmingham

JUST a month ago the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group under Simon Rattle gave a highpowered, richly alive performance of Schoenberg's First Chamber Symphony. Now they returned to the Town Hall to repeat that success at the start of a symphony concert, and to demonstrate how the stridency of the scoring makes it possible for this counterpoint of 15 instruments to cut through a big and resonant space.

Noël Goodwin

Neal Davies

Purcell Room

AMONG candidates from 14

countries, the Welsh bass-baritone

Neal Davies was the chosen

winner of the first BP-Peter Pears

Award last October. This South

Bank programme came as part of

his prize. It disclosed a singer of

considerable potential, but one

whose techniques of voice produc-

tion seemed unfinished. The good

intentions in the first half of the

programme were limited by a

Meanwhile ITV has started a

Television, which has already cornered the ITV territory in upmarket regional thrillers by way of P. D. James, The Chief is a cop show dealing with the usual mix of brute force and backroom manocuvres, but it offers strong support for Pigott-Smith from Julian Holloway, and Judy Loe as the GP wife who brings him down to East Anglian realities. Dixon of Dock Green may at last have met

The space was also important in the full orchestral part of the programme, helping the strings to produce an extraordinarily fulltextured sound, which brought a Wagnerian majesty and weight to much of Dvoták's D minor

the Yale Repertory Theatre

(where Richards is artistic direc-

tor, and where The Piano Lesson

began two years ago), of the dramatist's newest play, Two Trains Running. The place and time are a rundown Pittsburgh cafe in 1968. Although a waitress and a paroled bank robber attend

a rally, the civil rights and black

power movements appear to have

barely touched the characters.

With humour and subtlety, Wil-

son gradually reveals that appear-

ances are deceiving.

The characters include the cafe

owner, a deranged man, a num-

bers (illegal betting) runner, a

millioneire undertaker, and a

This was altogether an imposing performance: the kind of vivid rehearing of a familiar work that Rattle can conjure up with such little apparent effort. The scherzo was as violently solid and powerful as one of Bruckner's; the finale moved with an implacable thrust towards something both searing and jubilant in the last bars; and voodwinds, right from their first delectable prominence in the opening movement's second subject, were a joy.

So they were too in Men-

lack of smooth changes in dynamic levels.

Indeed, it was not until the Four Serious Songs by Brahms, at the end of the second part, that a true legato line began to emerge, to the great benefit of the sombre but deeply-felt setting of the German Biblical texts, Particularly in these songs, Simon Over took his attentive piano-playing to a close partnership with the voice.

It was good to hear English song being given pride of place to start each half. Finzi's five Shakespeare settings in Let Us Garlands Bring (one more than the programme listed) were sung with poetic sensibility. More varied character and smoother line would have

delssohn's Violin Concerto, particularly the flutes where they have to accompany the soloist. Here once again, Rattle produced a firm, vital orchestral performance, the sort of performance in which every musician seems to be playing with full force.

But of course this is a work that belongs to the solo violin, and Midori all through was producing miracles of her own: long, sung phrases in which note followed note without any audible gap or slide; moments of breathtaking speed in the outer movements; an unfailingly brilliant, light tone, and a generous but perfectly controlled rubato style. The orchestra nicked up her cues delightfully: I hope she had some snace to notice what a remarkable perfor-

suited Vaughen Williams's Songs of Travel, as would clearer initial consonants: the line "I will give you brooches" reached my ears as a somewhat less pleasant gift than Robert Louis Stevenson wrote.

The singer's evident enjoyment of comedy character was best demonstrated in Russian, with each one of his chosen songs by Dargomizhsky and Rachmaninov involving something more than just colouring and vocal inflection. Ibert's Don Quichotte songs in French were on the right lines without the assurance of an instinct for phrase and feeling that made his single encore, in what I took to be Welsh, so warm and free from constraints.

Barry Millington

Philharmonia/Bychkov Festival Hall

THREE cheers for whoever thought up the Philharmonia's Festival Hall programme last night. It consisted of four items which although rarely heard, com-bined the qualities of musical value and accessibility. Bizet's Symphony in C is, admittedly, not exactly a rarity, but it is not given as often as it deserves. However, the concerto in E

Major by Mendelssohn and that by Bruch Op 88a, both for two pianos, are welcome additions to the repertory. The Bruch is so little known that it even escapes the attentions of Grove's Dictionary.

It was composed for two sisters and played here by Katia and Marielle Labeque. The intimacy of their musical conversation, each responding precisely to the other in intonation, accent and colour, has one constantly marvelling. That level of empathy, together with the many attractions of the work - which include an

impassioned slow movement wor-

thy of Rachmaninov — made a considerable impression. The Mendelssohn concerto

delicate and urbane where the Bruch is rhetorical and demonstrative, brought the unique qualities of the Labeque sisters into even sharper focus. Here the grace with which they tossed phrases at each other, caught them, and lobbed them back was truly breathtaking. Yet the Mendelssohn that emerged was anything but effete, especially with Semyon Bychkov obtaining such sharply pointed, rhythmically taut playing from the Philharmonia.
If Mendelssohn was still only 14

when he wrote that was a ripe old 17 when he composed his masterly Symphony in C. The particular attraction of the work is the ease with which the young Bizet was able to marry his classical education to his Romantic inclinations. There are many pre-echoes of the familiar mature style, not least in the Adagio, where John Anderson's languorous oboe solo briefly transported us from damp London to the Mediterranean. Berio's exuberantly scored Ritirata Notturna di Madrid opened the programme.

# Melodrama of child murderer in love lacks credibility

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> The Awakening Hampstead

JULIAN Garner has inadvertently written a play as topical as the argument about Rule 43 in our prisons. Unfortunately, that only emphasizes its weaknesses. If one is effectively to debate the proper treatment of child murderers not to mention the conflicting claims of charity and revenge. one had better be scrupulous about couching one's thoughts in a

plausible plot.

In the programme Garner tells us that in 1930s Norway, the time and place of his play, lifers were sometimes allowed to toil on Alcatraz-like island farms. No doubt he is right. One wonders, however, if the penologists of that period were as eccentric as he suggests. If it is unwise to send an alcoholic to a brewery at all, it is aquite mad to incarcerate him there

as part of his rehabilitation process. That is what Linda Bassett's social worker does to Con O'Neill's glazed, shuffling Johanses, who has raped and murdered

an eight-year-old.
"She leaves him on an islandseemingly inhabited only by the young woman she nannied a few years before, a gamine named Unn. Within moments Johannes is chopping wood with a vast axe, and agonizing over the sexier passages in his Bible.

As it happens, the ominous build-up is a cheat. Melodrama becomes romance, at least for a time. Instead of chopping up Gab-



Linda Bassett and Con O'Neill in The Awakening

more credible, and carry more not occur during the interval.

Nor has the play pulled its last sensation. Who should Bassett, ber Christian tolerance undone by the whiff of fornication, meet in the island chapel but the prison warder who spent Scene One beating up Mr O'Neill - and who should he turn out to be but the father of the murdered child, thirsty for vengeance?

When one is considering what to do with our own lan Bradys, the pain of the victims and their parents cannot be forgotten. There

Reidy's fetching Unn, must, however, be more guileful O'Neill impregnates her a dev- ways of reminding us. Garner will elopment which would itself be surely produce better plays than this. He can write punchy, gritty weight as a demonstration of the dialogue as well as think about big, redemptive nower of love, if it did . interesting subjects. Not least, he and John Dove, his director, have conjured a fine performance from O'Neill, with his hoarse, impersonal voice and robotic bodylanguage, and the impression he gives of cowering from some bright light. This is someone who

> terminally institutionalized. Yet that too dramatizes the play's limitations. Could this grizzled spectre really evolve into a Lawrentian hero? Awakenings of hard cases are more hard won than The Awakening suggests.

has been humiliated, broken, then

Alistair Cameron Crow

Changing House Will ye dance at ma wedding The Arches

IT IS a remarkable testament to the present cultural vigour of Glasgow that two new theatres have opened within a day of each other. The Arches is a temporary venue, part of "Glasgow's Glasgow", a heritage exhibition which will remain open for most of the year. The Changing House will, it

is hoped, be more permanent. It is a second performance base for the enterprising Tron Theatre. Even more heartening is the fact that both theatres opened with new plays which had grown from recent work in the city, but which were quite different.

The small, comfortable Arches, built into a brick arch with rumbling trains above, was inaugurated by Clyde Unity, a young local company which designs much of its work for community touring.

In many ways its latest play,

Aileen Ritchie's Will ye dance at ma wedding, is perfect for this theatre, since it offers (like the exhibition which surrounds it) a glimpse of Glasgow life which is accurate, nostalgic and

unthreatening.
The story is a quintessential Glasgow tale: three women move in the early 1960s from the neighbourly city centre tenements to the cold wastes of the housing schemes on Glasgow's periphery.

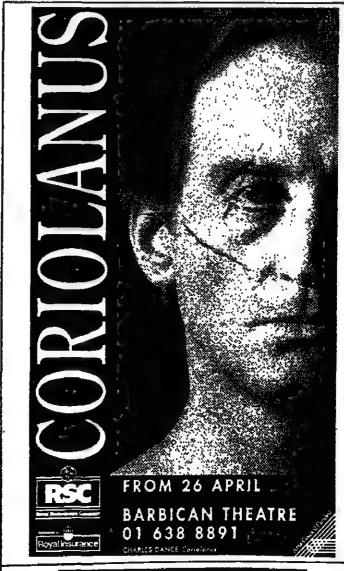
Marriage and murder figure in the plot which is neatly told, acted and taged, but which badly mislires at

its emotional climax. The Changing House at the Tron is smaller than The Arches, characterful and cramped in the loft of one of the theatre's outbuildings. The opening play was an adaptation by the director Michael Boyd and his company of Ted Hughes's Crow.

It has been set in a deliberately shabby Victorian theatre. Crow and his doppelganger, dressed as vaudeville actors, perform Hughes's poems in front of and behind an elaborate red curtain, to the real audience on stage with them, and to an imaginary audience in an auditorium beyond the proscenium arch. The production owes much to Eastern European theatre, but its dark power comes from the inventiveness and virtuosity of the company, allied to the unsettling misogyny of Hughes's work.

Boyd and his performers, Peter Mullan, Douglas Henshall and the singer Julia Dow, create some memorable stage images - notably when the Crows machine-gun the enthusiastic applauding imaginary audience. Even if the whole is not as satisfying as some sections. this is a welcome attempt to put into practice in the Scottish theatre the techniques of the Soviet companies who performed here last autumn and so impressed Glasgow audiences.

It is heartening that this latest batch of 1990 theatrical goodies is entirely home grown. For Glasgow to open one theatre in a week is a cause for celebration, but to open two is, as we say up here, "no"



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# RECORDS



with the blues: Joe Williams offers a confident set

# Clinkers and al

**JAZZ** 

Clive Davis

The Newport Jazz Festivel All-Stars: Bern Concert '89 (Concord CCD-4401) Gene Harris & The Philip Morris Superband: Live At Town Hall, NYC (Concord CCD-4397)

Joe Williams: In Good Company

s this newspaper reported A on Monday, the main jazz event in New York last week was the gala tribute to George Wein at Carnegie Hall. Never one to take a back seat, the impresario-cum-pianist helped the proceedings along with a set from his all-star band.

Despite the constant to and fro of personnel, the group has turned in consistent performances over the years, raiding the swing catalogue for concerts that bring together battle-hardened survivors from the Thirties and Forties and the best of the newer musicians, among them Scott Hamilton. The carefree atmosphere clinkers and all - makes a welcome change from the stagemanaged theatrics of most festival bands. The line-up which played at the

Bern International Jazz Festival last April kept up the old standards, helped by the steady rhythm team of drummer Oliver Jackson, bassist Eddie Jones and one of the newcomers, guitarist Gray Sargent. Hamilton was still holding down the tenor saxophone spot, next to the former Ellington alto and clarinet player Norris Turney. The other new boy on this occasion was Ricky Ford, a saxophonist whose best work has been as a member of Abdullah Ibrahim's Ekaya.

Hearing Ford and Hamilton side by side is a bizarre experience, as if the ghosts of Coleman Hawkins and Ben Webster are stalking the stage. The closing

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number, a reprise of Basie's "Jumpin' At The Woodside", finds the two men slugging it out before reaching an honourable draw. On some of the other pieces Ford's soloing is perhaps 100 bop-oriented for this setting, but Hamilton - currently on tour in Britain - is a constant delight. Turney is not to be forgotten; his solo on "I'm Just A Lucky So And So" builds to a forceful climax. Cornet player Warren Vaché matches Hamilton note for note in their duet on "Blue And Sentimental". As at the Carnegie Hall concert. Vaché draws on graceful vibrato effects that, sadly, have fallen into disuse amongst most of

Gene Harris's live date with the 16-strong Philip Morris Super-band is his first dud for some time. While Wein's band resembles a working unit, Harris's team sounds like a collection of fine musicians jostling for a place in the limelight. Handicapped by some superficial arrangements, the band indulges in overkill on a string of standards, from "Love Is Here To Stay" to "Old Man River". Harry Edison, trombonist Urbie Green and saxophonists Frank Wess and James Moody do their best in difficult circumstances. And, most frustrating of all, we hear all too little of Harris's earthy blues piano runs.

At 71, Joe Williams was still able to swagger through "Shake, Rattle And Roll" during the tribute to Wein. In Good Company offers a confident vocal set, with reed arrangements by Med Flory's Supersax and duets featuring Shirley Horn and Mariena Shaw. Free of mannerisms, Williams's voice always looks for the shortest possible route through a lyric. While some of the ballads are perfunctory. Williams is at home with the blues, of course, as he proved in his years with Count Basie. "Ain't Got Nothing But The Blues" wraps up side one in considerable style.

Poncho Sanchez: Chile Con Soul (Concord CCD-4406) Tito Puents joins the percussion onslaught in a versatile collection which runs from "Con Migo" to a

convincing stab at James Brown funk. Chico Freeman & Brainstorm: The Mystical Dreamer (In+Out Records CD-7006)

electric set from the neo-boo

Baxophonist, recorded live in Paris. The band currently has another weak to run at Ronnie Scott's Club.

Humphrey Lyttelton; Humphrey Lyttelton & His Band (Philips 838764) Part of a "Best Of Divisiand" Part of a "Best Of Doesand" series which includes work by Terry Lightfoot, Chris Barber and the Dutch Swing College Band. Dating from 1960 to 1963, the sessions reflect Lyttetton's mainstream work rather than his trad phase.

# Obsessions with dreams

CLASSICAL

**Hilary Finch** 

Mahier: Des Knaben Wunderhom/Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen Fischer-Dieskau/Berlin Phil/Barenbolm (Sony Classical SK 44935) Strauss: Eine Alpensimfonie/Don Juan Sen Francisco Symphony/Biomstedt (Decca 421-815-2)
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Schubert: Symphony No 9 Saint Louis Symphony/Slatida (RCA RD80174) Beethoven: Symphony No 9 Academy of St Mertin-in-the Fields/Marriner (Philips 426 252-2)

t is Mahler's ghostly trum-pets which herald a new record label: Sony Classical has introduced itself with an extraordinary disc which reveals Fischer-Dieskan at his best, orchestral playing of rare empathy and finesse, and recording quality which tells the ear all it needs to know about a new "20-bit system", used for the first time here.

The boast of this latest technological experiment is, in layman's terms, to combine the best of analogue recording with all the advantages of the digital process. On this evidence, the sound does actually restore some of the space and "moisture" which can be missing in the sometimes and perfection of the CD. It certainly brings a chilling presence to Des Knaben Wunderhorn's "Night Watchman's Song", suspending wind and strings in a live, tremulous poise, filtering through the shudder of the side-drum, and enabling Fischer-Dieskau's voice to ring out in rude health from the high, clear summons, to the last, half-voiced cries of "Mitternacht,

The glory, though, must go to Fischer-Dieskau himself, to Daniel Barenboim, and to the players of the Berlin Philharmonic, who penetrate to the very heart of Des Knaben Wunderhorn in performances which uncover an obsession with dream and death in which Freud is never far away. Fischer-Dieskau, moreover, has a special understanding of the "soldier" songs: his "Wo die schönen Trompeten blasen" is sung as if from behind a mist, yet has startling presence; irony and fear constantly restrain the rhythmic marching line in "Tambourg'sell"; and a chilling light-heartedness makes the bitterness of "Revelge"

The latest in so many recordings by Fischer-Dieskau of the Lieder eines sahrenden Geseilen shows a feverish intensity characteristic of this particular phase in his performing life. Pain is pressed out of the vowels, against a mere bloom of violin accompaniment; and, for the latent violence of "Ich hab'ein glühend Messer" the voice turns to near Sprechgesang to reach its expressive aims.
It was the example of Mahler as

an "aspiring, idealistic and ener-Richard Strauss to complete his Alpensinfonie, with its Nietz-schean undercurrents of striving and moral liberation through work. In this performance, the latest in Blomstedt's continuing Strauss odyssey, ascent and for-ward movement is, indeed, all. Marked by the ardent pacing and meticulous attention to dynamics and balance which characterize Blomstedt's Strause, the symphony develops as a game of virtuoso metamorphosis, tension built and released with deceptive ease and dramatic acuity.

As the mountain ascent is made, the lower strings stretch forward in firmly defined, long strides; sec-tional string playing is lithe, never distorted by spurious portamento. The summit is reached with finely engineered clarity, matched by the eloquence of the final wind and brass screnade in the epilogue.

This recording holds its own against any already in the car-alogue, as does Klaus Tennstedt's recently released Also sprach Zarathustra, with the London Philharmonic. As Zarathustra, in turn, descends from the mountains to the lowlands of humanity, Tennstedr's acute sensitivity to muance stretches the nerves of the piece to the full. He creates a vast dynamic range, from the quiver-ing depths of another Straussian Suprise, to the almost feverish elon of the central "Freuden und Leidenschaften" turmoil.

Sudden shifts of orchestration are seized upon with alacrity, with the wind screnade after the dance taking on an evanescent distance before the renewed luminosity of sweeping string passages. Both Blomstedt and Tennstedt fill out their discs with the tone poem Don Juan: Tennstedt's is more vividly episodic, but also a shade more mannered than that of the more cumulative drama of the San Francisco plavers.

latkin and Schubert are not the most obvious partners: the conductor's own relationship with the LPO and with RCA has so far concentrated most notably on Elgar. But there need be no hesitation in approaching this disc: here is the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra on top form, with a warm, ripe string sound propelled by some of the most springing Schubertian rhythms on record. Leonard Slatkin looks more to Beethoven's Seventh than to Winterreise for his inspiration; there is more of dance than darkness in this great last symphony, and it is perhaps time that we heard it.

So often in even the most searching of performances, the insistent, almost minimalist use of repeated rhythmic patterns can become either anxiously restless or weighed down in symmetry. Slatkin finds the way forward by anticipating Bruckner in the phony's grand design. By giving proper ballast to dotted rhythms, by allowing accompanying figures to tug hard, and by juxtaposing hard-working cog-wheels of rhythm against broad, swinging dance measures, he restores a sense of spontaneity.

A flicker of the finale of Beethoven's Ninth in Schubert's own pen leads me to Sir Neville Marriner's recent and rather more strait-laced Choral Symphony. "Not these sounds! Let us sing something more pleasant!" is the cry at the start of the choral finale;



Musicianship with technology: Daniel Barenbolm conducts Sony's first "20-bit system" release

and this time, also, it seems to come from the heart. There is much fine playing here from the Academy of St Martin's, but Sir and logic than awe and wonder, his molto vivacer and molto adagios are not really molto anything precision, neat pointing and a certain grave beauty are the most he seems to aspire to until the "O Fremde" of Samuel Ramey, which lifts the performance on to another level. The contribution of the chorus, and a particularly fragrantly blended quartet of soloists (Ramey is oined by Karita Mattila, Anne-Sofie von Otter and Francisco Araiza) redeem this otherwise unexceptional performance. ::

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Webern: Complete Vocal Chamber Works Dorow, Seuw (Koch Schwann 314 005

A funtrous collection of Webern's songs and choral ncluding works that have not been recorded before: three orchestral songs of 1913-14 and the tiny number associated with the quartet bagetel

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But the dominant figure among these young Finnish composers is Lindberg, decisively sure even in an early plane quintet oddly appropriate with the Finnish engaging with the French baroque.

f rock music appeared to die a death in Britain during the Eighties, resurrection looks swift. Happy Mondays, a six-piece band which combines compulsive dance action with a strong visual appeal, recently followed a European tour by playing to 16,000 fans over two nights at the G-Mex. Centre in their native Manchester before selling out Wembley Arena

a week later. Even jaded industry people agreed the Wembley atmosphere equalled that of performances by the likes of U2, Prince and Simple Minds, while the fans preferred to

vote with their feet.
Happy Mondays' hard-core fans
followed them around the Continent. Some trekked as far as Iceland and Spain, while 200 travelled by coach to see them at the fashionable Bataclan Club in Paris. As Shaun Ryder, the group's singer, says: "Right now the Happy Mondays are the hippest band on the planet. We're the one

that everybody wants to be in." Their status has not been affected by the group having enjoyed two hit singles. They are at No 6 in the charts with Step On, their cover of the John Kongos classic. Their début appearance on Top of the Pops was made late last year with Hallehijah, on which they were accompanied, somewhat surprisingly, by singer-songwriter Kirsty MacColl.

"I reckon they are the sexiest band around," she explained.

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ROCK UPDATE

Hip, but never hop

Subsequent colour sureads in magazines as diverse as Smash Hits and Elle indicate that Ms MacColl's opinion is shared.

Happy Mondays are no over-night sensation. They have been ogether since the early Eighties, having known one another since school-days. The nucleus of the band are brothers Shaun and Paul Ryder, who plays bass. Their father Derek, a former postman, is road manager. The group was spotted playing in Manchester by Northern soul DJ Phil Saxe who introduced them to Mike Pickering, for the past few years one of the biggest names on the dance music scene.

At the time he was a talent scout for Factory, the Manchester-based label run by Granada television presenter Tony Wilson. Mr Wilson had already had success with New Order, whose Blue Monday remains one of the biggest selling dance records. He saw similar potential in Happy Mondays. New Order's Bernard Albrecht produced Freaky Dancing, an early Happy Mondays single.

The title of that song embodies the band's unusual live effects upon their audiences. For alongside Shann dances Mark Berry, whose frenzied routines have a near-hypnotic effect. Anyone

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watching the prisoners on the roof of Strangeways on the news will have an idea of what it is like. The combination of being a live

band playing dance music is the key to the Happy Mondays' success. For the past few years hiphop and house music might have ruled in the clubs, but few would deny that the dance cruze is running out of steam. What has been missing is a focal point for an audience's attention. This partly explained the appeal of live punk bands following the mid-Seventies disco revolution. Yet, however much audiences need to have some object for their attention and iffection, they also want to dance. Here Happy Mondays have been able to benefit from dev-

which enables them to reproduce the acid house rhythms that their audience has become accustomed to in recent years. Their audience is also able to identify with the band's dress code of trainers and hooded tracksuit tops.

"But the Happy Mondays are not an acid house group," emphasizes their manager, Na-than McGough, son of Liverpool poet Roger McGough. "They're reckoned to be so because of their rhythms and tempos. But they also have a rhythm and blues-type feel like the Rolling Stones, which gives them the potential to appeal to black and Hispanic as well as white audiences. But they've only been able to communicate thatsince the availability of sequencers and digital programming."

Tony Wilson, or Anthony H. Wilson as he prefers to call himself these days, reckons the transition occurred one weekend at Man-chester's Hacienda nightclub two years ago. "Bez (Mark Berry) climbed on stage and started doing what is now recognized to be his familiar dance. This was incorporated into the Happy Mondays' stage act and the music changed accordingly."

Meanwhile as both Mr Wilson and Mr McGough point out, the group is more than just a popular hive attraction and current chart act: "With hundreds of fans following them all over the Continent, Happy Mondays are as much about lifestyle and attitude as music," Mr McGough says.

Mike Nicholls

#### A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

Part 26 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted

on to index cards and stored in a bin by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shows, to form an instant guide to the his and misses of rock history.

# JOE JACKSON

he classic case of a man over-qualified for the job, Joe Jackson came to rock with a degree from the Royal Academy of Music and experience of everything from cabaret duos to jazz big bands. He started out by using the bold primary colours of the page with the page of the page with the page of the p new wave singer-songwriter on Look Sharpl and I'm The Man (both 1979), "Is She Really Going Out With Him?", "It's Different For Girls" and "Fools In Love" essay the emotional tribulations of a

gawky 24-year-old with caustic wit and a lean musical vigous. Various here-brained schemes ensued, including forays into reggae and 1940s jump live, before the extraordinary Night And Day (1982), which found Jackson adding vivid shades of jazz\_Latin and classical music to the palette, as well as supplying his biggest hit single, "Steppin" Out". It was not until Blaze Of Glory in 1989 that Jackson was again able to rutil his versatile talent into such sharp focus, this to pull his versatile talent into such sharp focus, this time with a nominally autobiographical selection that combines cracking musicianship with mature

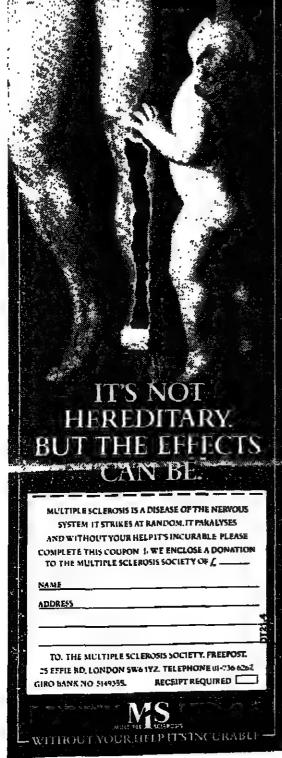


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MICHAEL JACKSON A t 45 million copies sold, Thriller (1982) remains the best-selling recording of all time while Bad

(1987) trails some way behind with siting currently around the 22 million; mark. Although less subject to the triumphal bandying of statistics, perhaps the most satisfying of Jackson's solo albums is Off The Walt (1979) which has now sold. a trilling 17 million copies. Said to be producer Quincy Jones's favouries there is a warmth and souththess to tracks like "She's Out Of My Lite" and "Rock With You" that got lost in the almost associate quest for perfection and a promise the design and a promise the second content of 
You" that got lost in the almost secrotic quest are perfection and a pneumatic dence nirvana that is the essential hallmark of "Thrifler" and "Bad. The minoboggling scale of Jackson's achievements is unlikely to be matched in this century, since his child starstatus both solo and with the Jackson 5 — best chronicled on the Anthology double-compilation of 1981 — has given him more than 20 years in which to reach his current pre-eminence. The boy whose ambition was "to become a big star" has rematten ambition was "to become a big star" has remitten

NEXT WEEK: The Jam, Jefferson Airplane



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# Springing into full bloom

ruit blossom is so beautiful that its ornamental value can be considered as almost independent of the crops to follow. Even a: small garden can have room for several trees. A carefully thoughtout choice of species and varieties ensures good politination, a long season of bloom and a range of fruit. from mid-summer chemics to late apples and pears, which will last into the following March or April. One of the first trees to blossom, the cherry plum or Myrobalan, has starry white blooms scattered along its green stems. It is a tough plant, often planted as a hedge, and does not seem to mind harsh winds or bitter cold. Even when trimmed, it will produce a few fruits in late. ner. The true plums also bloom early, and the sweet scent of the blossom made gardening a joy during this year's precocious mild-ness. The Victoria is still the most commonly grown plum and, al-though it is not highly esteemed by connoisseurs, the tipe fruits are very nice, and the blossom is prolific. Sometimes the weight of the fruit is too great for the branches, so it has to be thinned or the branches supported. On an espailer tree, the branches, trained along a wall, are

aiready held firmly in place.

As the plum-blossom fades (rather quickly this year, following several sharp frosts), the cherrybrings its frothy bouquets of blossom. It is an attractive sight, but the blossom has a slightly soor scent. Blossom time varies according to the type. Early Rivers on a southfacing wall was out in March this year, while the blossom on a Morello trained on a north wall will linger into June.

Open grown cherries grow large and splendid, but it is sad to reflect how few cherry orchards remain — I can understand why, since it is a fruit that birds are cager to eat, and t is almost impossible to protect. It easier to get fruit from wall-grown cherries in a garden, as a net can be unrolled from the top of the wall to: protect the fruit from birds and late

Pear blossom is earlier than apple, and is particularly beautiful before the glossy leaves appear, with the white blossom skining against the iron grey of the branches. A fully grown pear makes a splendid focal point in a moderately sized garden, but in smaller gardens, especially those in towns, espaliers, fans and dwarfed trees can be accommodated and given shelter in cold and windy regions.

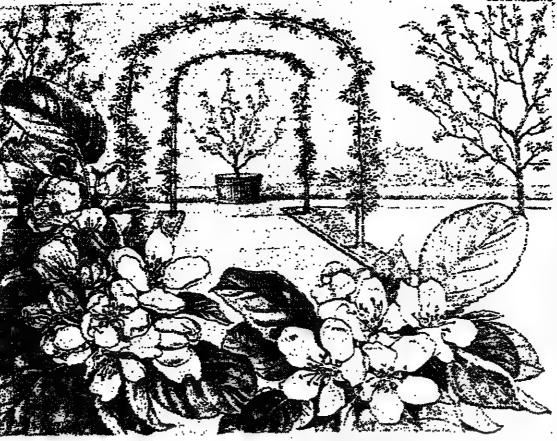
Apple blossom is too familiar to

require general description, but there are several thousand varies and each has its own individual and each has its own individual distinction, with variations in time of flowering, blossom colour and foliage. Garden centres have finally woken up to some of the possibilities, but, although their selection of apples is widening, it is still better to seek out a good nursery where barerooted trees (bought more cheaply) will almost certainly grow better. There will also be a wider choice of varieties. Apples and pears are compliant, and you do not need expert knowledge to train them over

an archway or pergola.

Good muoseites will know what kind of grafted tree you will need for any specific purpose, and there is growing pressure to get garden centres to label the rootstock on which the trees are grown. This is not an infallible guide, but will give some indication of how strong the future growth will be. Choosing the variety is more problematic, as no reference book description is as good as seeing and tasting the variety—but it is almost impossible. to find examples of some of the less IIIOII VIITIELIES.

Ten years ago, when I was making a special study of fruit, I paid several visits to the Government National Fruit Trials at Brogdale, near Faversham in Kent. This gave me the opportunity to observe a vast range of fruit throughout the year, so I could look at blossom, leaf shapes and colour and examine and



Brogdale contains more than 2,300 kinds of apple, 500 pears, 350 plums and 220 cherries, and it also has an exciting collection of nuts, mediars and quinces, gooseberries and currents. Until now it has been closed to the public, but the recent furore which threatened the existence of this collection has prompted plans to open the gates to

f the 140-acre orchards can be. bought from the Government and set up as an independent company, the public benefit will be enormous and garden-ers will be able, for the first time, to see the largest range of fruit in a single collection. Until then we shall single collection, Until their we shall have to rely on the small collection at the Royal Hosticultural Society gardens at Wisley in Surrey, or glean ideas from visiting private gardens such as Barnsley House in Gloucestershire, or the National Trust's Erdigg (Clwyd), Westbury Court (Gloucestershire) and the Court (Gioucestershire) and the National Trust for Scotland's Priorwood (near Meirose, Borders).

News of the Brogdale orchards project will be reported in this column as it becomes available. Upto-date details can be obtained from Brogdale Orchards, Brogdale Farm, Faversham, Kent ME13 8XZ.

Fruit and Vegetable Gardens by Francesca Greenoak (Pavilion Books, £12.95) will be published on May 3.

#### WEEKEND TIPS

Begin to plant up outdoor tubs and banging bankets, but gradually arclimathe them in the

Bridge Budger

Take out strongs of Brunels spreats, cabbages and broccoli when cropping is over; skeed or pulp the strongs, and put on the

compost heap.

Prune forsythia, flowering

currents, and other spring flowering shrubs as necessary, after the

 Dig out deep-rooted plants on lawns, such as dandelions and buttercups, before they begin to

Protect young potato shoots on frosty nights with fleece or

# GARDENS TO VISIT

Henley's Lane, Drayton (2m S of Abingdon). Unusual plants, alpines, bulbs, shrubs in three-act garden, Adult 60p, child free. Teas. Tomorrow, 2-6pm.

• Cheshire: Woodsetton

Alsager, NW of Stoke-on-Trent (at town centre follow BS078, third turning on left into Pikemere Road, then second right). Tree shrabs, rhededendrons, wildlife pool in one-acre garden. Adult 50p, child 25p. Tess. Tomorrew. 2-5pm.

Surrey: Paines Hill (1m W of Cobham on A245). Important 18th-century landscape garden in process of restriction. Dramatic

158-ecre parkland and gardens dominated by huge lake: rained abbey, Chizese bridge, water wheel. Adult £2.50, child £1.50 (under 10 free). Some until Oct 14, 2-6pm (tomorrow and next Sun

for National Gardens Scheme). · Vorkshire Netherwood

House (1m W of likley on A65

towards Skipton; signed drive on

left). Flowering shrubs, duck pond, rockery, bulbs. Adult £1, child free. Teas. Tomorrow, 2-6pm. Berkshire: Blencathra (off) private drive at NW end of Finchampute at Ridges, eff B3348, 4m S of Wokingham). Garden in mixed woodland setting: beathers, azaless, co bog gardens, spring bulbs. Adult £1, child free. Tomorrow,

2-6pm.

Somerset: Wayford Manor (SW of Crewkerne, left off A30 to Chard). Garden of three acres redesigned by Harold Peto in 1902; magnotiss, maples, bulbs, flowering trees and shrubs. Adult £1, child 30p. Teas. Tomorrow,

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# Bird's-eye view

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THE LONDON GANDEN SHOW: Trade stands selling everything from furniture to fertilizers. Plant, flower and bulb displays, a wide variety of workshops, kinchtime forums and seminars. Licensed and enack bars, tree shuttle service from Alaxandra Palace BR sumon. The Great Hall, Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, London N22 (01-365 2121). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. Adult \$4. child/service citizen \$2. £4, child/senior citizen £2. STEP INTO SPRING: First

of the season's walks organized by Eastbourne's Downland Ranger explores the borough's fringe of presimods and grasslands. Seven further walks are planned. A free leaflet detailing all walks available at locat Tourist Information Centres. Eastbourne, East Sussex Tomorrow, meet at comer of Summerdown Fload and Paradise Drive, 2pm. Four-mile walk leasts approximately three hours. Tickets in advance from TIC or Beachy Head Countryside Centre, adult £1, child 50p.

BADMINTON FLY IN: Open day for aviation enthusiast More than 200 aircraft are expected.

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THE FLEVERSE AWARDS: An opportunity to hear the winning poems about elephants from the competition which the museum ran earlier this year in conjunction with BBC Wadile magazine. Heathcote Williams also reads from Secred Elephant, plus guest speakers. Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-938 9123). Today, 2-3pm. Museum admission, adult £2.50, child £1.50.

CANCE SLALDM: Some of Scotland's best cancelste in action. Edinburgh University Canoe Club, River Tweed, Yair Bridge, Edinburgh. Today, noon-Spm; temorrow, 9am-

WEEKEND AT THE MUSEUM OF LONDON: Children's workshop today, 2-4.30pm, making miniature museums of the future from contemporary objects, suitable for children aged nine and upwards. Tomorrow, 2-5pm, join in the (early) Chimney Sweeps May Day parade. Suitable for seven-yearolds and upwards. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-800 3609). Admission to each event £1.50.

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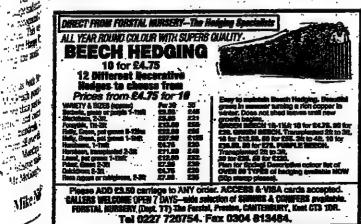
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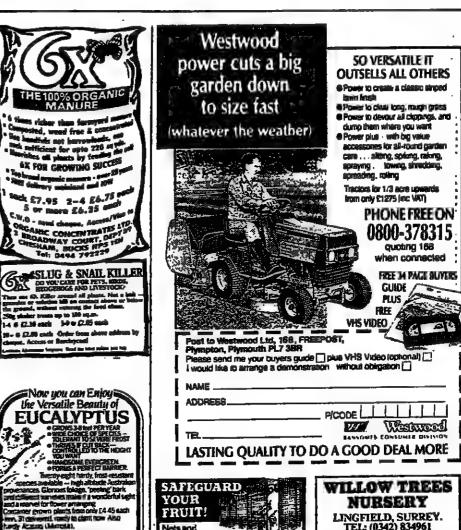
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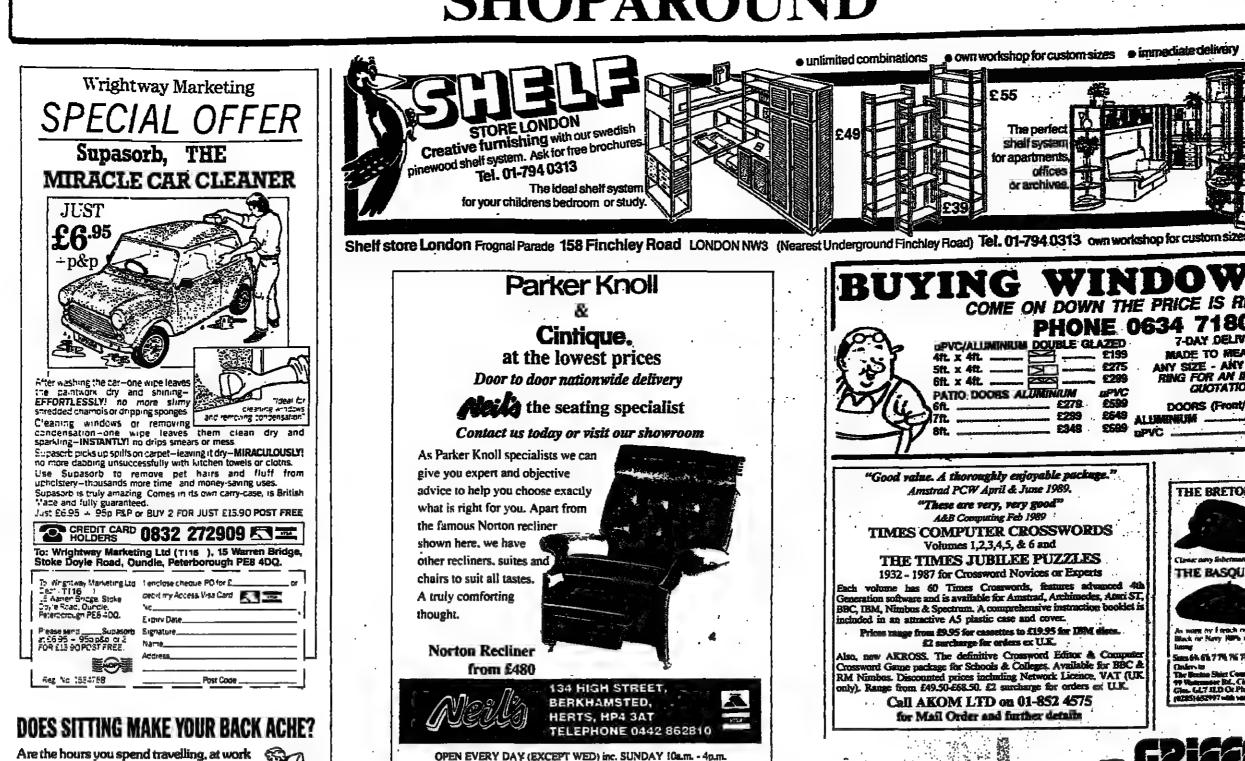
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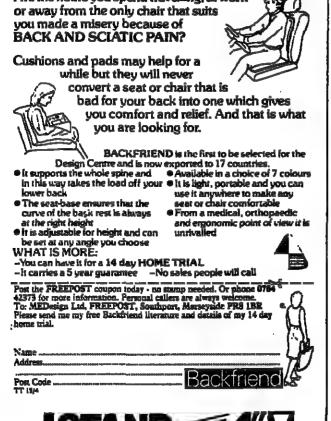
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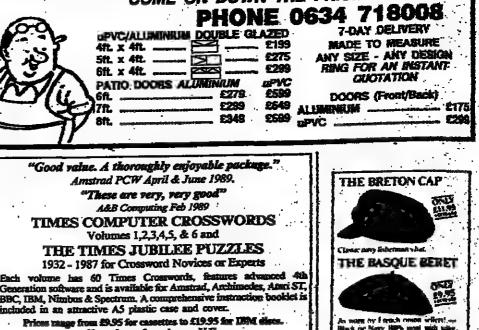
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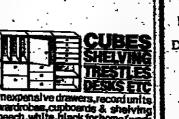




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# THE TIMES Which? REPORT

# Are you green - or just misled?

Some manufacturers' labels are misleading shoppers, Nicole Swengley reports

informed choice between different products? The appropriate body to give such approval. consumer magazine Which? interviewed 1,930 people

and what they understand by them. had seen products with environmental labels, nearly using green labels as a sales ploy. 60 per cent had bought at least one. Fifty-five per cent popular guess was the Government (44 per cent). Of this page highlight some of the typical problems.

**GREEN DIRECTORY** 

turers are now reducing or

eliminating the mercury in

their batteries. Some batteries

contain cadmium, which can

cause the same sort of

NTA: Some detergents use

this as an alternative to phos-

phates, although it is not

common in the UK. It causes

the same sort of problems as

Optical brighteners: These are

compounds in washing pow-

ders that give the "whiter"

look. They are not thought to

PDCB: This fragrance-en-

hancing chemical is some-

times used in products such as

toilet blocks. It does not break

down easily once it is in the

PET: This is a type of plastic

commonly used for bottles.

PET can be recycled, although

recycling schemes are limited.

Phosphates: These are put

into many detergents to act as a water-softener and help

cleaning agents work better. If

enough phosphates get into

slow-moving rivers and lakes

they can encourage algae in

the water to grow rapidly,

using up the oxygen and causing plant and animal life

Surfactants/aurface active

agents: These are cleaning

egents in detergents. They can

be made from plant oils but

more often are made from

batteries and can cause air petroleum products. All

(c pollution if the batteries are surfactants have to be bio-

incinerated. Many manufac- degradable by law.

be a main pollutant.

water system.

Terms on the labels of green

products are often not ex-

Biodegradable: This means

that once the product is

disposed of it breaks down

naturally, usually because of

bacterial action. Some prod-

ucts may biodegrade more

quickly or more completely

Chlorine blench: The tra-

ditional chlorine bleaching of

paper pulp produces toxic

substances called dioxins,

which pollute the water if

discharged into rivers and

akes. They can also be found

paper products that have been

there is no clear evidence that

this causes health problems. Many manufacturers of paper

products are now using after-

EDTA: This is used as a stabilizer for bleach in some

detergents. It can combine

with heavy metals in the

environment, re-introducing them into the water supply.

Enzymes: Washing powders

containing these are often

marked as "biological". En-

zymes digest protein and

starch and are put into pow-

ders to help break down

stains. They are not pollutants

but may cause skin reactions

Mercary: This heavy metal is

he c a component of many electric

in some people.

native bleaching processes.

very small quantities in

plained. Here is a glossary:

ith the growing concern for the environment, those who correctly thought that goods carrying green more manufacturers are claiming that their labels do not require official approval, 83 per cent goods are "green". But how justified are thought they should. Nearly 60 per cent of the people these claims, and how can shoppers make an interviewed thought the Government would be the

Which? also carried out a series of group discussions to find out how much notice they take of green labels with the people responsible for doing the family shopping. There was a general feeling that some It discovered that of the 60 per cent of shoppers who manufacturers are jumping on the bandwagon and

When a number of specific green labels were of shoppers shown a label making environmental considered, it was discovered that people are confused claims thought it had been officially approved. When about what individual terms mean and suspicious that asked who they thought had approved it, the most the claims may be unjustified. The labels shown on

**MEANINGLESS CLAIMS** 

liquid suggests that other

washing up liquids do contain

phosphates so this brand is

environmentally better. But

no washing-up liquids on sale

in the UK contain phosphates.

Likewise, all detergents are

biodegradable to a large extent

since the surfactants (the main

cleaning agents) have to be at

least 80 per cent biodegrad-

able by law. Products where

the surfactants are based on

vegetable oils, rather than

Which? says: Claims like these should be allowed only

when an alternative product does have the offending

UNREALISTIC CLAIMS

It is beloful for a manufacture

to state what the packaging is

made of and to say if it is

recyclable. At present, though,

plastic recycling schemes and

be persuaded into buying a

it may lead to more schemes.

petrochemicals, may

degrade more quickly.

ingredient or property.

Biodegradable:

trates or ammonia:

UNEXPLAINED CLAIMS

When Which? showed the

labels below to the discussion. groups, they were not considered helpful. Most people did

not know what "no phos-phates", "no NTA", "no en-zymes" or "no optical

The term "biodegradable"

was not fully understood, nor

was the meaning behind the

friendly pulp". None of the

packets gave a proper explana-

tion of what was meant by

these claims, so it was difficult

for shoppers to assess how

important they were in

It is best if the information

given on packs can be reason-

ably short and simple. The

discussion groups, shown a packet of washing powder

which gave lengthy explana-

.modegradable

ar a better world

No phosphates

No optical brighteners

tions of terms such as pho-

phates and what they could do

to the environment, thought

that they would not have time

to read 'this amount of

information while they were

shopping. But at least they

would have the option of

• Which? says: Information

should not be so sparse that shoppers cannot make an in-

formed choice about what they

No NTA

No enzyme:

environmental terms.

"environmentally

hteners" meant.



**EXCESSIVE CLAIMS** No manufactured product can Contains no phosphates, ni negative impact on the It is misleading to put a "no nitrates" label on a cleaner when you can't buy one which • pH neutral, phosphate free: Similarly, a "phosphate free" label on a bottle of washing-up

mentally friendly" are misproducts, such as sanitary towels, are from a properly managed forest, pulp and paper production are highly nergy-intensive processes. "environmentally friendly"
Aerosol manufacturers may and "green" should be banned. energy-intensive processes.

CFCs as a propellent but the alternatives can still damage fail to have some sort of the atmosphere. Even electric batteries which do not contain environment. Labels claiming the poisonous metals mercury efficient way to use energy: it leading. For example, even if is estimated that manufacthe trees used to make paper turing batteries takes up to 50 times more energy than the amount they produ

• Which? says: We think that very general labels such as





When Which? looked at the do not reflect differences in labels on aerosol cans, at least 10 different forms of wording relating to CFCs and the the discussion groups that an ozone layer were found. Yet acrosol labelled "ozone safe" all these aemsols are similar in was somehow "greener" than that they do not contain the most harmful types of CFC. In fact, both contained hydrogas as a propellant. The alternative propellants they use Which? says. Where prodmay vary — most use hydro- ucts are making essentially the carbons, while a few use less same environmental claim, harmful CPCs, neither of standard wording should be which causes environmental used to avoid unnecessary

the most harmful CPCs - but the different forms of wording the propellant. For example, there was a general feeling in carbons as a propellant: ....



CONTAIN PROPELLANT ALLEGED TO DAMAGE OZONE





collection points are few and MULTIPLE CLAIMS far between. Consumers may product partly because it has a recyclable label on the plastic container, but when it comes to disposing of it there is no local recycling point so it just joins the rest of the rubbish heap. However, if labelling con-tainers in this way encourages people to think about recycling ● Which? says: It is up to consumers to be wary of claims

#### WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT DOING?

The Which? survey results and group discussions indicate that people are confused by the haphazard way green products are labelled. An official labelling scheme should go a long way towards alleviat-ing this, and the survey shows a strong feeling that the Government should be the body responsible for overseeing it.

The Government has, in

fact, recently announced sup-

port for the creation of an official labelling scheme across the European Community or, if necessary, a scheme of its own, although it has yet to release any firm proposals. If all goes well, there could be EC agreement on a scheme by the end of this year. The Government says that

it is now committed to setting up a scheme with the assessment based on criteria reflecting the key characteristics of a product's environmental impact from production through

like this and to campaign for more local recycling schemes. and "green" would be banned. It is proposed that products would be awarded an official scrutiny by an independent panel of environmental judges. These would include representatives from consumer groups, environmental groups, manufacturers and groups, manufacturers and retailers. The scheme would be voluntary so manufacturers would not be commelled to submit their products to the panel, but the right to use an official green label would be a strong marketing incentive.

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This article is based on a report

iles. Environmental labelling Canada. The country's enschemes already exist in West Germany, Canada and Japan. Several- other countries, including The Netherlands and France, are discussing



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nivity West Germany. The Blue Angel environmental labelling tounc scheme is by far the longestfrom recycled paper and a
lagrar running, set up by the West
range of products made from German government in 1978. recycled plastic.

Around 3,000 products now carry the Blue Angel logo, showing that they have met specific environmental criteria. These vary depending on the type of product and are decided in consultation with epresentatives from consumer and environmental groups and industry. Once a product has been approved,

the manufacturer pays an naual fee for the use of the Lisgo. Examples of products vered include those which A TE reusable or recyclable, ch as glass bottles, and those By hich use up fewer natural resources in the manufacturing process, such as re-cycled plastic and paper products. The scheme is voluntary, and some manufacturers devise their own labels. disposed of.

SCHEMES IN OTHER COUNTRIES vironmental labelling scheme has been running for more than a year. It is broadly similar to the West German scheme, although more emphasis is placed on the environmental impact of a product throughout its life cycle. The mist three broduc categories to carry the logo are re-refined motor oil, insulation material made from recycled paper, and a range of products made from recycled plastic. Other product types being considered include sanitary paper products made from recycled paper and a



many and Canada has been running for about a year. Products may be approved if they fall into one of a number of environmental categories. For example, one category denotes that the product causes minimal environmental damage when being used. Another denotes that the product causes minimal environmental damage

# It has also said that it is looking into amending the Trades Descriptions Act so that very general claims like "environmentally friendly" emand for top quality recycled sta-tionery has more sets of writing paper and

rags. Thirty sheets cost £2.40; • Forestsaver's (0272 845559)

WC1; Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, London WC2; Pens Plus, 70 High Street, Oxford. Heal's also sells the papers under its own label at stores in London, Croydon, Reading, Kingston and Guildford • Karin van Heerden has expanded her range of re-cycled Peaceable Kingdom cards to include mini cards, for use as gift taga, and larger greetings cards. They cost from 35p to 85p each, from bookshops and gift shops. For

stockists phone 0865 723660.

15 envelopes, £2.40; from mail order catalogue offers a Falkiner Fine Papers, 76 range of paper made from Southampton Row, London Philippines cogan grass. This Philippines cogan grass. This acid-free paper is of archive quality, and 10 sheets of A5 cost £1.95; five matching envelopes, £2.85. • Friends of the Earth's recycled stationary includes 50 sheets of A5 size Rainflower

writing paper, with matching envelopes, £4.25; 50 white sheets with 25 envelopes, £3.25; 100 self-adhesive labels £1.60. Add 90p pep for orders up to £5; £1.80 up to £10; £2.50 up to £20. Friends of the Earth, Hayle, Conwall TR27

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pensies, tulips, daffodils, dandelions and reeds are among the ingredients, much of which she grows herself. She will shortly be setting up a workshop at the National

ticated machinery and added

the petals and leaves to make

Comflowers, straw flowers,

each sheet individual."

Museum of Wales (Woollen Mill branch) at Drefach Felindre, near Newcastle Emlyn, Dyfed (0559 370929). Stockists in London include

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JOHN LESSORE: Figurative Nigel Greenwood Gallery, London

Wī (01-434 3795). From Wed. ZADOK BEN DAVID: Recent sculptures by an artist who has made jokey, formally inventive pieces incorporating repeated

animal patterns. Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, London W1 (01-434 1768). From Wed. KIM LIM: Minimal stone carvings

Waddington Galleries, London W1 (01-437 6611). From Wed. JOHN WARD RA: New paintings and drawings by a portraitist with a special interest in depicting

beautiful women. Jeremy Maas Gallery, London W1 (01-734 2302) From Tues. JACQUELINE MORREAU: Recent works by a sensually expressive painter of grand themes, such as Adam and Eve.

Odette Gilbert Gallery, London W1 (01-437 3175), From Wed. LOUISE BOURGEOIS: Drawings made since 1940 by an American sculptor of large surreal forms. Karsten Schubert Gallery, London W1 (01-631 0031). From Tues.

SIMON EDMONDSON: Expressionistic paintings of naked figures acting out allegories of spiritual torment in hostile lands. Nicola Jacobs Gallery, London W1 (01-437 3868), From Mon.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA CONCERT: Free cup of Cherry Picker's punch tea to all members of the audience during the interval. The programme is given by the London Mozart Players. Barbican Concert Hall. Barbican. London EC2 (01-638-8891). Tomorrow.

THE CERAMICS OF JEREMY JAMES: Opening day of an exhibition of finely detailed sculptures of birds and animals. Museum of St Albans, St Albans, Hertfordshire (0727 56679). Mon-May 26.

RHS FLOWER SHOW: Colourful late spring displays and competitions in daffodils. camellias, ornamental plants and Royal Horticultural Society Halls, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Tues,

ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY: Take your antiques for valuation by Sotheby's experts who also accept rtems for auction. The Winter Garden, Eastbourne

(0323 412000) Tues. NEEDLEWORK AT HINTON ST MARY: A five-day exhibition sponsored by Christie's West Society office in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruety to Children. Exhibits and sales of fine examples of applique canvas work, collage, embroidery, patchwork, quilting. The Tithe Barn. The Manor House, Hinton St Mary. Sturminster Newton. Derset (0258 72519).



You're the top: Cynthia Makris as a restrained Salome

#### OPERA

D'OYLY CARTE: Keith Warner's hilamous production of The Pirates of Penzance travels south. Cast includes Marilyn Hill Smith. Pavillon, Bournemouth (0202 297297). Mon, Tues, Wed.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Cinderella Hampe's Saltzburg Festival La Cenerentola comes to London. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). Tues.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Enthralling production of Verdi's Macbeth by David Pountney. London Collseum, London WC2 (01-836 3161). Tues and Fri.

**ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA:** Revival of Ariadne on Naxos conducted by Lionel Friend. London Coliseum (as above). Wed and Sat Apr 28.

OPERA NORTH: Ravel's L'Heure Espagnole and Puccini's Gianni Schicchi in double bill of new productions by Martin Duncan conducted by David Lloyd-Jones. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 440971), Fri.

hile Maria Ewing was recently daring to reveal all in the Dance of the Seven Veils in Strauss' Salome, the anti-heroine in André Engel's production for Welsh National Opera removed not a stitch. Yet the dance, like the staging as a whole, was a masterly study in eroticism with its blend of fascination and lear, sensual attraction and disgust. Strauss himself, exasperated by performances in which star dancers played to the gallery with their supposedly exotic snakelike movements, pointed out that as an oriental princess and chaste virgin, Salome should be played with the simplest and most restrained gestures. Engel's brilliantly conceived production now transfers to Scottish Opera for five performances in Glasgow, followed by a tour to Aberdeen, Newcastle and Edinburgh. A new cast is headed by the American soprano Cynthia Makris and Scottish Opera music director John Mauceri conducts. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), Wed and Barry Millington



Stormy waters: Sisson Estes as Martin Luther King and Cynthia Haymon as Coretta Scott King.

#### THEATRE

in recent theatrical history, King, the musical about the US civil rights leader Dr Martin Luther King, opens this week. Directors and others have come and gone amid stories of disavowal of the project by King's widow, Coretta, and the original lyricist, Maya Angelou. Richard Blackford, the composer, has spent seven years working on the piece. He says: "I was a 13-yearold in 1968 when Dr King was assassinated. It was my first awareness of someone who was prepared to

eaching the West End after

as stormy a passage as any

BORROWING TIME: British premiere of a piece by Michael Burrell, who also stars with Shella Reid, directed by Philip Grout. Latchmere, London SW11 (01-228) 2620). Preview Wed. Opens Thurs. A CLOCKWORK ORANGE - 2004:

Phil Daniels is Alex in the transfer of the RSC's Ron Daniels adaptation/updating of the Anthony Burgess novella. Royalty, Kingsway, London WC2 (01-831 0660). Opens Mon. MARIA MAGDALENA: British premiere for an 1844 play by

#### JAZZ

HARRY CONNICK JR: With an young American singer-planist will be playing selections from his album, 20, and the soundtrack to the Rob Reiner film *When Harry* Met Salty. Dominion Theatre, London W1 (01-580 9562). Thurs.

THE JAZZ GENERATIONS: A Guildhall School Of Music recital by a quintet featuring Lionel Grigson, Alec Dankworth as well as the promising trumpeter Paul Edmonds. Kensington & Chelsea Music Society, Leighton House, London

W14 (info 01-385 9171). Wed. BOS DOROUGH: Final week from the Arkansas songwriter, a one-time associate of Dave Frishberg and Biossom Dearlo, Pizza On The Park, London SW1 (01-235 5550). To Sat.

Friedrich Hebbel. A tragic tale of a

women pressurized into finding a

husband, it is regarded as having

Gate Theatre Club, above Prince

Albert pub., London W11 (01-229 0706). Previews Tues, Wed. Opens

THERESA: Julia Pascal directs her

own dance-theatre piece about an Austrian refugee from Hitler who was hetrayed to the Gestapo in the Channel islands.

PHOTOGRAPHY

HUMPHREY SPENDER: A selection

documentary photographs of Bolton taken during the 1930s for Tom Harrison's Mass Observation

communion, pubs and railway stations are revealed by Spender in a glorious snapshot style of photography. Curiously much of this work remined unseen until housed in an archive at Sussext Hotography in the last 1970. This

University in the late 1970s. This exhibition celebrates Spender's

80th birthday. Zeida Cheatle Gatlery, London -WC2 (01 836 0506). From Mon.

A CENTURY OF AMBIVALENCE:

Jewish life in Flussia from 1881 to

private collections and presenting an intimate portrait of family life.

the present day culled mainly from

Royal College of Art, London SW7 (01 584 5020). From tomorrow.

movement. Christenings, Holy

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nfluenced the development of

German and European drama.

give his life for a cause. The idea grew of a musical about the civil rights movement, which had so much music connected with it: gospel, hymns, freedom songs. His speeches also have a strong musical quality. When I first saw Coretta King in 1983 I suggested a 'folk opera'. Now the show is a fully fledged musical, with elements of music theatre, jazz, blues, even hard rock. And our star is the greatest black opera singer in the world, Simon Estes." Piccadilly Theatre, London W1 (01-

867 1118). Opens Mon. Tony Patrick upon Tyne (091 232 9974). Opena

> THE WAY OF ALL FLESSE AWEET! winning Red Shift company in Robin Brown's adaptation of the Samuel Butter novel, starting a tour in the church where Butter's father as rector, and one of the events in a Butter Instival, Jonathan Holloway directs a cast of five. Langar Church, Langar, Nottinghamshire (0602 419741). Tues-Fri. Then touring until mid-May. (Information: 01-223 3256.)

# DANCE

TURNING WORLD: A four-week eason of international dance opens Mon with Caroline Marcade's company from France, then Liat Dror and Nir Ben-Gal from Israel (Tues, Wed). The Place, London WC1 (01-387 0031).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL **BALLET: Two-week Londor** season opens with revival of MacMillan's Elite Syncopations and a new work, Meridian of Youth, by Vincent Redmon (Tues-Thur). Sadier's Wells, London EC1 (01-278 8916).

ROYAL BALLET: Guest stars in Giselle are Sylvie Guillem (tonight and Wed, with Jonathan Cope) and the Kirov dancers Altynai Asylmuratova and Konstantin Zaklinsky (Thurs). Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-:

#### ROCK

DONALD COOPER

INSPIRAL CARPETS: Fashionable, Mancurian "scallydelic" band with a debut album, Life, released this

McGonagles, Dublin (010 3531 ... 774402) tomorrow; Queens University, Bettast (0232 324803) Mon, Barrowlands, Glasgow (041-226 4679) Tues, Royal Court. Liverpool (051 709 4321) Thurs: Leeds University (0532 439071) Fri.

THE CUREBOYS: Rod Stewart s voice and five versions of Ron Wood's harrout back in the chart with "I Don't Love you Anymore". Royal Centre, Nottingham (0602) 483505) Thurs; Royal Court. 📑 Liverpool (051 709 4321) Fru.

PHIL COLLINS: Celebrating the phenomenal success of ... But Seriously. Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589: --

8212) tomorrow-Tues, Thurs. BUTCH HANCOCK & JENBUE DALE GILMORE: Velerun Texan country due being their No Timo Alike show to London, playing roughly 160 of Hancock 5 compositions over the rights at

Borderine, London WC2 (01-437 8595) Wed: Hall Moon Pumey; London SW15 (01-788 2387) Thurs; Cricketters Cricketers, London SE11 (01-735 3059) Fri.

SUZANNE VEGA: Earnest Greenwich Village folke turned mainstream adult-rock star. Comwall Coliseum, St Austell (072681 4004) iomorrow, Newport Centre (0633-259676) Mon; Crawley Lesure Centre (0293-27431) Lesure Centre (0293-27431) 37431) Tues; Royal Centre. Nothingham (0602 483505) Wed: Wolverhampton Civic Hall (0902 27811) Thurs,

JOOLS HOLLAND: TV presenter ex-member of Squeeze and boogie woogie pianist nonpared. Brighton Dome (0273 674357) Mon: Congress, Eastbourne (0323 412000) Tues, Warehouse. Tymouth (0752 224200) Thurs: Beck, Hayes (01-561 8371) FrL

## CONCERTS

HOUGH VISIT: Stephen Hough, an outstanding English planter, is seldom heard in this country but is here for a few concerts, playing Bratums grim Piano Concerto No I with the LSO under Rafael Frienbeck de Burgos. St David's Hall. Cardill (0222

371236). Today. MENTA'S REQUIEM: With celebrated solorsts such as Florence Quivar and Pasta Burchuladze, Zubm Mehta conducts the London Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra in Verdi's Request

Festival Hall. South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tomorrow, VARIATION SETS: William Boughton and the English Symphony Orchestra give us. Elgar's familiar "Enigma"

Variations. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (0)-636 8891). Mon.

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FRENCH CONVECTIONS: A spiendid programme from Victoral de los Angeles with Debussy's Chansons de Bluss and Fêtes Galantes, Ravel's Melode Populars Grecques and Chants. Populares, plus 5 mélodies each from Hahn and Fauré. Wigmore Hall, London W1 (01-935 2141). Thurs.

SHE DOMAN COLLEGIUM, Simon Standage conducts the Collegium Musicum in a concerto grosso from Handel's Op 6, Lorna Anderson. sings songs by Ame. Boyce, J. C. Bach, and there is a concertogrosso from Geminiani's Op 3. Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford (0865 864058). FrL



Krays at work: Gary and Martin Kemp with Tom Bell (centre)

he great British public has long been fascinated by grisly murderers and criminal trials. Only recently, however, have cinema producers and writers shaken the dust off the police likes, The "cleft-chin" murders of 1943 prompted Chicago Joe and the Shongirl. Now come Ronnie and Reggie Kray, the East London anderworld twids whos terror ended in 1969 with 30-year jail sentences. The Krays, written by Philip Ridley, directed by Peter Medak, burrows deep into the brothers' behaviour - tracing their childhood roots and spotlighting their mother Violet (forcefully played by Billie Whitelaw), whose flerce, uncritical love fanned the boys' violence. No ordinary casting would suffice for the Krays. Musicians Gary and Martin Kemp, from the band Spandau Ballet, never disappoint for a moment, whether abusing

Geoff Brown

rivals' faces with sabres, or stand-

ing silently, icily, in sharp, dark

suits, concocting evil by telepathy.

Odeon West End (01-930 5252).

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# FILM

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Georges Simenon's novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour, powerfully filmed by director Patrice Leconte, and with some intense performances from Michel Blanc and Sandrine

WC2 (01-636 0691). From Fri.

NEXT OF KIN (15): A Kentucky clan. fights a vengetul battle with the Malia after a gangland killing. Potbolling vehicle for Patrick vayze (*Road House*), as th Swayze (Mode mouse), as the Chicago cop with rural roots, Lifted out of the rut by John Irvin's direction. With Liam Nesson, Adam Baldwin and Bill Paxton. Warner West End, Leiceste Square, London WC2 (01-439) 0791) From En.

COLD FEET (15): Unpredictable comedy-drama about three perty criminals in Montana, co-written by novelest Tom McGuane. Starring Tom Waits, Keith Carradine and Sally Kirkland.

ICA Cinema, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647). From Fri.

# **BRIDGE**

eclarers do not have Xray eyes and therefore it may not be necessary for a defender who has a sequence of honours to contribute one when playing to the suit. Here, West wants to exit safely, and may have to do so again.

In context, it may be perfectly safe to lead low rather than high. Declarer is very unlikely to call for the 9. Almost certainly, he will ask for the ace and there will be no ask of the 9 becoming established.

In the next diagram you are East and this is a suit you have bid and your partner has supported. Placing South with a singleton, you would like to lead the suit whenever possible, forcing him to ruff, but dummy's holding is an obstacle.

On the lead of the 2, the 8 is played. To win with the queen would disclose your holding. so you might put on the ace and return your low card, expecting South to ruff.

The more proficient the tend to be. Again you are East. nival magazines.

redoubtable Belladonna, who is in 3NT, having shown about 20 points. West leads the 2 of spades, a low heart is led from the table and your king holds the trick. East, who was Pietro Bernasconi of Geneva,

counted South for eight winners and saw that he would soon establish a heart for one more. The best chance was to go for three tricks in diamonds, so Bernasconi boldly returned the 4. Belladonna was faced with a

critical decision. If diamonds were 3-3, it would not matter whether he played high or low; but what if they were 4-2? In this case, by playing the

ace on the first round he could block the suit and still get home if West had a doubleton honour. To hold up the ace would be fatal, for West would win and East would play low on the diamond return, leaving himself with two winning. diamonds.

So Belladonna took the first diamond and continued best, but in practice he was defeated.

A defender who has a sequence in the trump suit may have to take a quick decision when this suit is first led. A deal from the French trials was piquant because declarer, the safer such plays East and South were editors of

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This time South is the

West led a diamond and South, Jean-Paul Meyer, after "un coup d'oeil super-rapide". put on the ace and led a spade. As East, would you have covered?

Pierre Schemeil did, and wished he hadn't. Had he played the 4. Meyer would have lost two trump tricks, for he intended to play trumps from the top and take the heart finesse for the contract, the obvious thing to do.

As it was, Meyer won the first round of trumps and, noting the 5-0 break, decided that he might still get home if he could find West with K-10x of hearts. He switched to the queen of hearts, covered by the king and ace.

On the next trump lead East had to split his equals. Meyer won, finessed the 9 of hearts, threw a diamond on the jack hearts. In theory his play was of hearts and ruffed a diamond. Three rounds of clubs left dummy on lead in this

East ruffed the next trick with the 6, but Meyer underruffed exquisitely with the 3 and took the last two Albert Dormer 31 km²l

# **CHESS**

his week I conclude my coverage of the Can-didates Final Match between Jan Timman and Avatoly Karpov for the right to llenge Kasparov for his world crown. After four games Timman's match situation, two games in arrears, was virtually without hope. He fought to hold Karpov in the next three encounters, but the Dutch grandmaster was crushed when his resistance broke in games 8 and 9. This victory must have encouraged Karpov in his quest to regain the title from Kasparov. White: Timman; Black:

Karpov. Candidates Final 5th Game, Kuala Lumpur 1990. u5 a6 5e7 d6 5b7 2 MS 4 Ba4 6 Refi 8 c3 10 d6 Ne6 NE b6 0-0 Re6 b6 Nb4 a6 a4 dxc5 Ntd5 Sxd5 5 0-0 7 863 9 N3 excit excit exact exact 11 Nbd2 13 Bc2 12 a4 14 cad4 14 CHOM 18 Road 18 Road 20 das5 22 a5 24 QIS 25 Bb1 28 Qe4 16 Ebi 17 Rs3 19 Nb4 Resi 18 Ree3 c5 20 due5 Bc8 22 e5 MM 24 G/5 Me8 25 Bc1 Mesc2 22 Gc4 Mxe1 30 Case6 Og5 32 K11 Caxe5 54 Ce4+ Md3 36 Og8+ Kh7 27 Rg3 25 Buffs 27 Qg4 25 Od5 31 Re3 33 fze3 35 Be2

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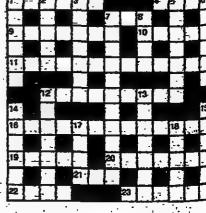
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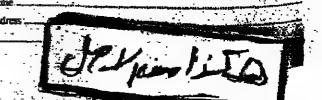
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# Taking the mike out of the Gaelic

From Strart Jones
Football Correspondent Galway

IN THE land of the Biarney Stone, Jack Charlton has been displaying his own natural and captivating gift of the gab. During a tour of seven cities in four days this week, the Republic of Ireland's manager has been giving his final World Cup address to his adopted nation.

In discussing the finals here, the Englishman might as well be carrying coals to his native North-East. Interest has reached such unprecedented heights that the crowd for last month's international against Wales, which could under normal circumstances have been accommodated within a local inn, stretched the capacity of 43.000. But Charlton does not

merely talk to the children during the afternoons and the adults during the evenings. He allows his audience to ask potentially the most searching and awkward questions and his answers are as blunt and uncomplicated as his style as a central defender and manager

He is prepared to ridicule the Gaelic version of football and the language. He does not hesitate in offering a public obituary on the international career of Brady, Ireland's favourite son. He is even eager to explain in deliberate detail his tactical intentions in Italy

No other national manager would dare to take such dangerous risks, especially less opening of the tournament. but Charlton can afford freely to speak his mind. After he has done so, the youngsters regard him as a giant Pied Piper, the elders as an equally august

After the debate on Thursday afternoon, held in a hotel on the banks of the Bay of Galway, a woman discreetly Casked one of the organizing officials whether she could have the butt of Charlton's cigar. One mangled memento has since been stored away.



Anglo-Irish weaver of dreams: Chariton knows how to play to the crowd and, to the delight of the sponsors of his tour, he has charmed them from Cork to Dublin

Jack?" Behind a bulbous puff of smoke, the reply echoed around the hall filled with an than two months before the audience of some 300.

> After a pause to allow the laughter to subside, Charlton added: "I can't speak it and nor can the players. People ask me: why don't the team sing the national anthem before the kick-off? I tell them that we will - when it has been translated into English."

> Amid more giggles, he remembers that he has walked into the heartland of Gaelic football. His subsequent tribute to the sport is wrapped in a

ing simplicity, wondered: every year. Besides, you only "What do you think of Gaelic, catch the ball because you can't control it with your

> The jokes, taken in the same warm manner in which they are given, are accompanied by serious comment. The prospects of Brady filling an active role in Italy, for instance, are dismissed. "I realized within 15 minutes of the game against West Germany that he couldn't do it any more," Chariton says.

"I should have brought him off then rather than waiting until half-time. I would love to have had him four or five years ago but we've seen the best of him. He was a magnifi-So have the memories of the teasing critique. "It is insular. cent player for his country and verbal exchanges. One child, with characteristically disarm- you are the world champions it." cent player for his country and if he wants to come with us to you are the world champions Italy, he'll still be welcome."

He could not predict so accurately the personal fate of other fringe members of his squad, such as Hughton, Milligan and Slaven. He does not yet know how many of his probable line-up will be avail-able. Whelan, who has had tendon trouble for some time", is a particular cause for

But Charlton does not dis-guise the pattern his side will form in the finals. "I changed the style straight away. I knew I had to after watching the World Cup in Mexico. I took a notebook with me to jot down any new information but I wrote not a single word. All the teams were the same.

Those with the best midfield players went the furthest in the tournament but I knew

we couldn't play that way. The others have had too much of a start on us and, in British football, we don't know enough about the sweeper's role. We couldn't play from the back, so we play from the front instead

"We don't play our opponents, we inflict our game on them and they don't like it. We don't make mistakes which are often the cause of defeat, because we don't keep the bail in our half. We like to send it into theirs. That is why the South Americans, for example, will have more problems with us than we have with them.'

Drawn in a group with "two of the best teams in the world", as he describes Eng-land and The Netherlands, he makes no claims about Ire-

land's eventual destiny. "I wouldn't know who to back and everybody seems to assume that we'll all beat Egypt but you can bet that we'll do our best to please all

you people.

'If we can't win the World he went on, "then I would like England to be the champions." There was an appreciable pause before he moved closer to the microphone. His next statement boomed around the room. "But they'll do it over our dead bodies." It drew instantaneous and prolonged

As though dangling a dyed prawn in front of a salmon in the nearby weir pool, Charlton knows how to play to the crowd. To the delight of the

Blow to leading **Briton** in big race

By David Powell Athletics Correspondent

CARL Thackery, the athlete most likely to have ended a five-year wait for Britain to provide a winner of the London Marathon, is almost certain to withdraw today from tomorrow's race because of an ankle tendon injury. Thackery was considered the greatest threat to the fastest marathon runner in history, Belayneh Densimo, of Ethiopia, who will be appearing in London for the first time.

Thackery, whose recen form suggested to him that he was capable of "2hr 07min 2:08 or 2:09", good enough to have won most London Marathons, had a cortisone injection yesterday after failing to complete a 10-minute easy run on Thursday evening.

"I would say my chances are very slim — in fact I would say there is no chance at all," he said yesterday. "If I run on the injury and rupture it, it means I will be off for a long time." Places in the British team for the European championships this summer are at stake in London. But, if times are moderate and the selectors decide to delay the naming of all three men in their team, Thackery may yet have a chance. By resting now, there would be some prospect of him being fit in time to run in

the Stockholm Marathon in the next few weeks. Last month Thackery set a Commonwealth 20 kilometres track record of 57min 28.7sec, finishing only 10 seconds down on the Portuguese, Dionisio Castro, who set a world record. It is the second Thackery has suffered an untimely injury: in January he was an early casualty of the Commonwealth Games mara-

either the Paris Marathon or

thon, dropping out with leg Without Thackery, the weight of expectation for Britain will fall on three stalwarts of the London Marathon: Hugh Jones, winner in 1982, Mike Gratton, winner in 1983, and Kevin Forster, second on two occasions. "I don't want to finish second again - I am going to try and do better.' Forster, who looks the most likely of the three, said

yeşterday. Chris Brasher, the race director, offered a helping hand to Britain's developing marathon runners when he announced yesterday a £4.000 sponsorship for those who finish outside the prize-money tomorrow but who show the greatest potential. The grants for training and medical assistance would. Brasher said. be shared between four to six Britons. He hopes to persuade four of Britain's great names of the past. Basil Heatley. Jim Alder, Bill Adcocks and Brian Kilby, to be on the panel which decides who should be allocated the grants.

Last year's world record number of finishers for a marathon, 22,652, is expected to be beaten by some 3,000 and participants in the tenth running of the annual race can look forward to weather comparable to 1985, when London's fastest times were produced.

# Rangers can wrap up title

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stand a single point from annexing their third championship in four seasons under Graeme Souness, it is remarkable to recollect that, in January, it was possible to believe that Rangers might have put the League title beyond dispute by the middle of March. Instead, with three matches

still to be played, it is arithmetically possible for the defending champions to be overtaken on goal difference by either Heart of Midlothian or Aberdeen.

Of course, Rangers have it in their own hands to resolve unbeaten this afternoon, and

after the results of the last

Dundee United's inept colmidweck League match be-

Aberdeen again emerged with a victory, but by the only goal of the game, a circumstance which suggested that United's resolve had been the issue by leaving Tannadice reinforced. By contrast, the previous three matches in although the Tayside ground Rangers' calendar have shown

has been an infertile venue for the Ibrox side awakened from home this season, but it is also visitors in recent years, it the lethargy and complacency possible for Rangers to be

lapse against Aberdeen in last Saturday's Scottish Cup semifinal at Tynecastle was followed by the dropping by their manager. Jim McLean, of half of the cup team for the tween the same sides at

ed -their indifferent from through most of February and March.

Their attempt to achieve the single point which gives them the crown is aided by the fact that Terry Butcher and Richard Gough are both almost certain to play, despite each suffering from slight maladies Rangers' prodigal son.

Derek Ferguson, who returned from his loan period with Dundee and who played against Motherwell last week. is again included in the squad.

Those whose taste runs to prolonging interest in the championship have noted that United have only lost once at

Mawdsley would like to see the two clubs allocated the majority of seats in future. This year Crystal Palace are upset because they have been allocated 14,000 tickets as opposed to the 26,000 for Manchester United (who have a much larger average gate). Yesterday the FA approved West Ham United giving their

brate victory in the League because, as fate and the fixture computer would have it, Hearts and Aberdeen meet simultaneously at Tynecastle, where a draw would mean that neither could catch the

Hearts will probably restore the pugnacious McCreery to their forces, and John Robertson also returns, hopeful of extending his personal scoring record and, by so doing, keep his side narrowly ahead of Aberdeen on goal difference in the chase for second spot. Aberdeen, needless to say,

harbour identical pretensions. Elsewhere, if Dunfermline can take a single point from St Mirren at Love Street, they will entertain premier division football next season, but if the Fifers lose and Dundee beat Celtic at Parkhead, the relega-

tion issue will not be settled. However, the chances of the bottom club inflicting an unprecedented fourth consecutive league defeat upon the Cup-holders and finalists, appears to be beyond their scope. The fixture card is made up by the meeting of Hibernian and Motherwell, with the Edinburgh team still nourishing hopes of a UEFA Cup place

# Mansell is confident after injury

of being fit to race in next month's San Marino Grand Prix, despite injuring his wrist in a crash in Italy on

"It is very badly bruised and swollen," she said, "but he is confident of being lit for

Earlier, doctors had feared Mansell had fractured his wrist when spinning his new car off a rainswept track, which is the venue for the San Marino race on May 13 Mansell left the course to return home without letting the Italians take prolonged

was slightly damaged in the

Until yesterday's announce ment by Mansell, Ferrari were thought to be ready to name Gianni Morbidelli, of Italy, as his replacement alongside his team colleague, Alain Prost.

# Wales make bold plans for future

AFTER a decade of disappointment — with the exception of 1988 — concluded by a season of dissent, the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) has turned its face boldly towards the future with the publication of a policy document designed to carry the game into a new millenium.

The Quest for Excellence. a 106-page strategic plan co-ordinated by Glanmor Grif-fiths, the WRU treasurer, was accepted by the union's general committee on Thursday and unveiled yesterday. It contains 78 major initiatives. including three key appointments - technical director, marketing manager, and development officer for referees.

"When we talk about excellence, we don't talk only about the national side," Griffiths said yesterday. "We look at the game as a whole: refereeing, coaching, market-

tours, the physical and financial means at our disposal. "The plan is based on our present situation, identifies the problems facing us and the

weaver of Irish dreams has

charmed the locals from Cork

When asked whether he

might be tempted to leave his

post after the finals, he re-

sponds typically with a smile

and a jest. "I don't know. I've

got 18 months left on my

contract and everybody loves

me over here at the moment.

You might not want me after

If so, he reveals that he has

an ideal in mind. "I wouldn't

want to go back to take charge

of an English club," he says.
"There are a million and one

problems in the job, but !

lancy being the manager of

to Dublin this week.

opportunities open to us."
The appointment of Ron Waldron as Wales's first team manager has been accepted. and he will take up the new post after the tour to Namibia. It will incorporate the role of coach and chairman of selectors, and Waldron will be able to recommend the back-

up he requires. A perwork of

specialists will be at his

disposal. The new technical director, for whom Wales will cast their net overseas as well at home. will control coaching, which has been the province for the last decade of John Dawes, the

former national captain "There is no question of John Dawes, or his assistant, Malcolm Lewis, being acked," Denis Evans, the

take the Football Association A TF to the Office of Fair Trading in system of distributing tickets for the 1991 FA Cup final (Louise Taylor writes).

Led by Peter Mawdsley. Liverpool City Council's chief trading standards officer, they believe that the FA's allocation of tickets for next seas FA's get 320. month's final between Manchester United and Crys-

Wizards scheme the

jumping, non-League football and

cows cating cricket balls: now we are

on the sports pages this will become the sporting diary with grantas.

In accordance with these new

standards, then, I bring you news from

the wizards, clairvoyants and astrolo-

gers that make up the Italian Wizards

Association, Italy, they predict, will

play Argentina in the final of the

football World Cup on July 8 in

Some go further and prophesy an

Italian victory. Brazil and the Soviet

Union will be the losing semi-finalsts.

Predictions were made following

overnight rituals at a propitious time

- "the very magic moment of the August plenilune", in fact. The best

dark horses will be Cameroon and

They add that Diego Maradona, of Argentina and Marco van Basten, of Netherlands, will be the top men in

the tournament. By one of those

astonishing, indeed, well-nigh

Nostradaman coincidences, an Italy-

Argentina final also happens to be

well-favoured by the book-makers.

United Arab Emirates.

Council consider Cup tickets action TRADING Standards officers tal Palace will encourage the in Liverpool are threatening to activities of ticket touts and increase black market prices. A total of 42,960 tickets are By an attempt to ensure a fairer divided between the

market, ending up in the hands of genuine suppporters for vastly inflated prices, and

participating clubs. A further 21,360 go to 54 county associations, 9.680 to the other 90 League clubs, 1,200 to non-League clubs, 960 to the FA Council, 480 stay at Wembley, the FA keep 1,680, and over-

Inevitably, many of these tickets are re-sold on the black 108 tickets to Palace.

# NIGEL Mansell is confident

Thursday.

Mansell's press agent. Sue

Membery, revealed yesterday that he had told her results of preliminary X-ray examinations in the Isle of Man, where he lives, showed he had not fractured his wrist when he crashed his new Ferrari Formula One car during testing.

look at the injury.

The nose of Mansell's car

# WRU secretary, said. ing, the international scene,



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Simon Barnes

Mass appreciation

R cligion and football are in-extricable in Italy. Greetings to Father Alvaro Durante, the 55 year old parish priest of San Bartolomeo, from the north Italian town of Bergamo. He has recently increased his congregation at evening mass on Sunday by supplying a commentary and round-up on the day's football results, giving special attention to the local side. Atalanta a side that once played against Merthyr Tydfil, then of the Beazer Homes League, in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. Fr Alvaro was a volleyball referee, and was once spiritual adviser to Ancona football

A league of their own

ootball is about loyalty worthy of a better cause: non-League football is about the loyalty that passeth all understanding. Greetings,

then, to three great non-League persons. George Mountford, aged 90, has just celebrated 85 years of watching Stafford Rangers, now of the GM Vauxhall Conference, from the terraces. Bryan Moore, director and company secretary of Yeovil Town, another Conference side, has just broken a 21-year run in which he watched 1,308 consecutive Yeovil matches, both home and away. Terry King, manager of Potton United, of the Nene Group United Counties League, has announced he will retire at the end of the season after 43 years with the club, 25 as manager. He joined as a 16-year-old player.

REM SCASOR.

Tips for the future

Tow here is a really natty little status symbol: the Racepager. It is a small black box full of technology, and throughout the day it tells you all you could wish to know about racing. Results, selections. going reports, starting prices, stewards enquiries, photo finishes are all flashed on to a little screen within seconds. A snip for £290 a year.

The genuine article

have received a letter from the Standard Athletic Club, a British sports club in Paris, or as they prefer to express it, the British sports club in Paris. They have some right to the definite article: they are 100 years old this year; they were founded by English engineers working in the Eiffel Tower, they were the first winners of

the French football cup; they supplied most of the (losing) French team for the Olympic cricket final in 1990; also of the (victorious) French cricket team that played MCC last year. They also play bockey, and tell me that they have attracted the England hockey side for a centenary bash over the weekend of April 28-29.

Violent argument

ce hockey is going through one its periodic bursts of cheast-beating about punch-ups. The National Hockey League from north America recently set a new record of 86 penalties in a game, the most in 72 years of NHL history. Many feel this statistic represents nothing more than over-zealousness. Arguments for fighting include the matey: Sometimes fighting can bring a team closer together. Everyone stuck up for everyone and that's what it's all about. (Cap Raeder, Los Angeles Kings); the mercenary: 'Some people may want to keep violence because they think it sells." (Lou Lamoriello, New Jersey Devils); and the expedient: 'I do know this about fighting in the NHL right now. As a tactic, it works.' (Also Lamoriello). There is also the metaphysical argument, as expressed by Marty McSorley, a renowned 'goon' from the LA Kings. When you win a real emotional game. with a lot of fights, you go home and you feel a little closer to your teammates. I thought the fights made it a

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# Late-night prospect only darkens the Parrott expression

JOHN Parrott's normally Darren Morgan, to complete with Williams, saying: "Itsunny countenance was his unfinished business. clouded over vesterday. The olds 12-11 and needed only with a scheduled frame still to one more frame to reach the play, but Reynolds at least Embassy world championship made the last one a lively quarter-finals at the Crucible affair. Theatre. Sheffield.

But the supposed final ses- for a "miss" by the referee sion of this second-round match was so protracted that the pack of reds, gave away 25 the pair had to come off the penalty points in all but still table to avoid overrunning the equally lengthy second-round 8-7 overnight. match in the afternoon between Doug Mountjoy and sound technique and suspect Cliff Thorburn.

Parrott as he contemplated a wait of many hours before being allowed back some time late last night, after the evebetween Mike Hallett and he referred to that incident

the £11 million contract which the BBC signed with the World Professional Billiards and

This gave exclusive rights to four tournaments, including the world and the United Kingdom championships, until 1996, Mackenzie said: "The World

ooker Association last year.

took me a long time to get over The second session on that and it still affects me a world No. 2 led Dean Reyn- Thursday had been called off bit." This was evident yesterday.

He was called three times

while attempting to roll up to contrived to win 55-53 to lead

Reynolds is a player of temperament. He was warned "It's like having teeth pulled for slow play by John Wil-out there," said a scowling liams, the referee, during his quarter-final defeat by Tony Meo last year and burst into tears at his press conference. After his first-round victory

snookered him again on the yellow and cleared up to win over Peter Francisco this year by a single point, 64-63. lar feat in the next, the BBC drops team cup twentieth frame, but missed

ations we are having to pay

tracts, and something had to suffer."

The event was won by Canada last month and was sponsored by British Car Rental, which is

unlikely to conunue sponsorship without television coverage. The event would seem a perfect vehicle, however, for the satellite television companies.

the green with the rest. The next two frames were shared and Parrott then rolled in a 66 break to win frame 23

for Reynolds worries so much

about appearing to be a slow

player that he sometimes takes

too long to choose the fastest

He is certainly a determined

player, however. After Parrott

had won two of the first three

frames yesterday to level at 9-

I i behind in the next, needing

three snookers and with only

Parrott reduced that requirement to one snooker

by hitting the black in failing

to escape one trap and Reyn-

olds then successfully

He nearly performed a simi-

two reds left.

Reynolds found himself 63-

REBULTS: (Engiand unless stated): Sec-cast round: J Parrott leads D Reynolds, 18-11, Frame score (Parrott East, 33-16, 23-47, 66-48, 69-21, 78-30, 31-68, 55-80, 23-4, 93-46, 21-65, 58-65, 18-59, 61-32, 71-3, 57-53, 13-61, 18-18, 54-31, 10-44, 73-43, 77-57, 35-61, 57-0, W Thorne leads N Founds, 8-7. Frame scores (Thorne frat), 8-90, 12-87, 74-27, 22-70, 87-8, 7-8 99, 119-1, 74-81, 9-71, 60-41, 88-33, 69-71, 33-57, 78-18, 72-50, 78-60, 11-pa-57, 18-18, 72-50, 78-60, 11-pa-57, 18-18, 72-50, 78-60, 11-9-57, 70-18-81, 70-2, 53-57, 110-8, 53-61, 68-1, 67-30, 94-17, 68-20, 60-21, 66-81, 4-77, 0-99, 88-4, 40-88, 0-84, 52-22,



Long shot: Reynolds studies the options during his second-round match yesterday

# Harrison is a Hawick guest

# Stirling's survival rests on ICI match

HOCKEY

THE BBC has decided to drop four events produce, but

coverage of snooker's World another reason to discontinue Team Cup, Keith Mackenzie, coverage is that because of the the executive producer for amount of competition that we snooker, has announced (Steve face from other TV organiz-

The event was not included in more money for sporting con-

OLD acquaintances will be forgotten today when Stirling and ICI Grangemouth meet at men's national league. The prize at stake for the victors will be the retention of their first di-

ICI go into the match with a two-point advantage. A draw would be sufficient to enable them to survive but both sides will be going all out for victory.

Confrontations between the two neighbours is keener than in any other derby match in Scot-land, it is brought about to some extent by the fact that Stirling was spawned by a dissenting factor within the ICI club eight

It was then that three members of the ICI cup-winning side of 1979, the Whitelaw brothers, Isn and Gordon, along with Neil Sharp, defected to help

strengthen Stirling.
Their contribution has proved invaluable and, last season, they fulfilled their ambition by taking the club to the first divisor. They thus joined NMP Menzieshill in the record book by progressing all the way through the divisions.

It was a creditable feat and, now that they have enjoyed life in the higher grade, they do not

want to vacate their position

Such a possibility would be a severe blow to their long-term

THE Border sevens circuit moves on to Mansfield Pack today for the third of the spring tournaments. After the giamour of Melrose last week it will be difficult for Hawick to project its own light.

The Melrose sevens, albeit a special occasion this year to celebrate the 100th playing of the event, underlined the necessity for quality if interest in the mennined.

Of course, the presence of guest teams does not in itself guarantee exceptional competition its Racing Club de France palpably demonstrated last weekend at the Greenyards when their seven, minus Frank Mesnel and the Lafond broth-

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tournament, are also in the lower half of the draw as are field, the only guest team at Hawick, will be under-strength in the manner of the Paris club. Melrose; the only side to match the Selkirk sevens, have named scrum half in place of Craig Chalmers, who is one of the replacements for the Home Unions against the Rest of land wing and captain, along with the speedy David

Holdsworth, in their squad. Wakefield are drawn against Glasgow High/Kelvinside who reached the semi-final of the Famous Grouse invitation sevens last Monday. Ayr. the beaten finalist of the Glasgow

Scotland's eastern edge significantly east according to Tony Belifield, the managing

writes). All seven divisional winners who were presented with their trophies at a special lunch in Edinburgh are from the

Europe at Twickenham

relatively easy first-round the against Langholm but would then be likely to meet Kelso, the beaten finalists at Melrose. Hawick have not been kind to hawick have not been kind to themselves in drawing Edinburgh Academicals. The Raeburn Place club have undergone a metamorphosis in their sevens game. Whereas a year ago they might have been there just to make up the numbers, they now have a cacific attitude to the

have a positive attitude to the game. After the final last week, John Maxwell, the Randwick coach, singled Edinburgh Academicals out as "hard oppo-nents who tackled everything." They have a genuine wing in Alex Moore and an abundance

EQUESTRIANISM

# Hampshire outing crucial for Leng

VIRGINIA Leng, the world and European three-day event champion, will give Master Craftsman, her entry for Badminton, a last outing before the Whitbread championship at the Kingi Samphorab have table in

Hampshire this weekend. The event, for which there are three advanced sections tomorrow, has attracted most of the leading names in the sport including lan Stark, with his two Badminton entries, Glenburnie and Murphy Himself. Mark Todd, the dual Olympic gold medal-winner, with Bahlua, Rodney Powell and The Irishman, who were a Friend to the control of the trishman. man, who won at King's Somborne last year, Karen Straker and Get Smart, the

Olympic team silver medal-winners, and Mark Phillips, with Cartier. row is crucial. Her plans to

trials with Master Craftsman before attempting a second successive Badminton win were thwarted when the horse was stung on the mouth by a wasp last month and had to withdraw last month and had to whith and from the cross-country at Dynes Hall horse trials. Although, a week later, he showed his form when winning his section at Belton Park in Lincolnshire, he is still "in need of a run."

Those Badminton contenders not competing at King's Somborne have divided themselves among the two other advance horse trials this weekend: the Gatwick South of England and the Toyota Witton Castle horse trials in County

Lorna Clarke, who has one of her best chances of winning Badminton this year, competes at the latter with the brilliant Fearliath Mor, a winner at Belton last month.

DRAW: Gale v Heriot's; Hawick v Edin-burgh Academicals; Stewart's Nahifle v Kelso; Jed-Forest v Langholm; Glasgow Academicals v Boroughmuir; Mairose v niens v Ayr, Waker

far from being the case. If they

CRICKET

# Cambridge baffled by the bowling of **Barnett and Miller**

never really came to terms with

they able to do much more than

Little more than an hour bad

stage, with no one deeper than mid-on: Barnett deployed two men close in front of the wicket

failed to get to grips with the seam bowling of Jean-Jacques FENNER'S: Derbyshire beat Cambridge University by 243

and Kuiper. When Atkinson was bowled off the inside edge from a somewhat airy attempt at a back-foot cover drive, the scam-ers had had their day and Miller

and Barnett moved in. and namett moved in.

All in all, the Derbyshire captain flexed his fingers to great effect. His four for 28 in this innings brought him match figures of seven for 32 from 26

Yesterday, in harness with Miller, he brought about a collapse which saw Cambridge lose their last six wickets for 35 runs. It is Lombard Street to a China orange that he will not have figures like that again this season. But he should persevere.

DERBYSHERE: First Imings 332 for 4 Dec (CJ Adams 111 not out, KJ Barnett 62, TJ G O'Gorman 55, A P Kulper 51). Second Innings 127 for 2 dec (S G Goldentin 51). CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 106 (KJ Barnett 3 for 9; O H Mortansen 3 for 21).

the batsman played and missed - and no les spinner should get away with that. Morris entered with three wickets down for eight, Heap having been an overnight victim

Recruits redeem unhappy hours

THE PARKS: Oxford University drew with Somerset.

AFTER an absorbing start to leave them, at the end of the AFTER an absorbing start to this match, a forlorn finish. Such is a cricketer's lot in mid-April. Oxford's first innings, which began on Wednesday, meandered on yesterday with no proposed to the control of the contro purpose and to little effect. The loss of more than seven hours during the last two days saw to

Somerset were at least a little wiser than they were before Wednesday. Lefebvre, their Dutch ail-rounder, does not look out of place in their midst and Smiller with had been the and Swallow, who had a lengthy, probing bowl, showed he is worthy of more opportunities than were afforded him when he was with Yorkshire.

Trump is tied to his ink-well at present and Marks has retired in spite of having a certain amount of time on his hands through working for a news-paper which comes out only one day a week. It would be nice to think Somerset could lure him back for some one-day cricket. After all; he is only 34.

Having said that, Swallow yesterday in weather so cold that his spinning finger would have been raw from the outset. His was a stingy spell of off spin. rewarded in due course with the wicket of Kilborn and figures of 13-6-12-1.

Somerset have undergone a metamorphosis in recent years, It is not quite artisans taking over from artists, but that is not

season it will most likely be one of the two knockout competitions. Lefebyre, who gained his

could well help them to that end.

Keen as mustard, he was the last to leave the field when they came off two balls after tea. He was fascinated by the umpires' light meters, of which liberal use had been made. They were to come out once more and there, was to be a further period of play, pointless though it all was.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-14, 3-14

No play yesterday LDRD'S: MCC: First Innings 385 (P W G Parker St, W K Hegg 57, M R Benson 52:1 T Bothsm 4 for 98, N V Radford 4 for 118; Worcestershire; First Innings 288 for 7 (T S Curtis 81, G A Hick 72; S L, Wattun 4 for Eq. Match through

CYCLING

# **Boardman experiments**

CHRIS Boardman, whose eight five aero-dynamic blades in-British road and track titles stead of conventional spokes, include the 25 miles time trial championship, makes his Northern Ireland debut tomorrow in the Lee Ards Super 25 miles at Newtownards.

The course follows the eastern side of Strangford Lough and Boardman will be keen to break the record of 55 minutes standing to another Merseysider,

Boardman is likely to use the event to evaluate further the benefit from using triathlon style bars and wheels fitted with

During the Easter holidays, the 21-year-old leader of the Manchester Wheelers team casily broke Lloyd's record in the Port Sunlight Hilly 22 miles, won the East Bradford road race and had a further time trial victory in the Weaver Valley 25 4

At Newtownards, Boardman will have his first clash with the Scottish champion, Graeme Obree, who retired from the

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# Block Villa's path Deadline is set for homeless Chester CHESTER City bave until M 3 to tell the League where I will play their home fixt season, following the st season s

THEY may be beyond redemption from relegation. Villa do, or fail to do, interest, but strong passions but woe-betide any Millwall Liverpool, two points clear at will be engendered at Maine player who turns up for today's match at Aston Villa unshaven, or worse, without socks on.

Bruce Rioch, the newly-Bruce Rioch, the newly- in the European Cup next appointed manager of season is now looming on Miliwall and the son of an army sergeant-major, places the manager at Anfield, was in discipline high on his list of typically low-key mood yespriorities, and was renowned. for his regular beard and sock inspections while in charge of Cheisa Middlesbrough, his former

Yet, once on the field, the typically flowing, passing foot-ball Middlesbrough produced was far from regimented. The unpredictability of the team ultimately cost Rioch his job, but not before they had put Villa, for whom he once played, out of the Zenith Data Systems Cup earlier this

Ironically, Millwall's last League win came against Villa, the side they pipped to the 1988 second division championship, in December, and a repetition of that feat in their first match under Rioch would almost certainly dash redee Villa's hopes of winning the

First division

C Palace v Charlton

Shitton is fit and returne in goal for Derby. Smith, a midfield player, aged 19, could make his debut for Norwich. Fox replaces Goss, and Fleck is preferred to

Palace are unchanged. Charlton choose from 15.

≟verpool v Chelsea

for places on the aubetitute

Luton v Arsenal

Whatan (ankle) and Houghton (ternstring) are doubtful for Liverpoot: Beardsley stands by Burnstead and McAlister could return for Chelses, Clive

son. Matthew and Lee company

Johnson and Eletrop are fit again, and could return in defence and attack for Liston. Rocastie hee recovered from injury and

Derby v Norwich

None the less, whatever the top and with a game in hand, retain the initiative. Despite the latest noises from UEFA, indicating that a place their horizon, Kenny Dalglish, typically low-key mood yesterday as he prepared for this

"We do not need any in-centives, " he insisted. "Europe is not that important at the moment, but the League title is. Your destiny is always in your own hands, and we are very single-minded about the championship at this club."

afternoon's home match with

The only championship likely to flicker across the minds of the Luton Town players is next season's second division title race. If the Bedfordshire club, who this time last year were looking forward to an appearance in the Littlewoods Cup final, lose at home to Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday collect a point at home to Queen's Park Rangers, they will be relegated by tea-time.

It may be of only parochial Road, where the Manchester City side managed by Howard Kendall - nicknamed "Everton past" because of the number of former Goodison Park players in the squad entertain Everton present, who are run by Colin Harvey, Kendall's former assistant on

Merseyside. Their treatment tables may be creaking under the weight of six injured players, but Newcastle United are nevertheless aiming for their seventh successive victory at Plymouth Argyle this aflernoon

Should the Typesiders succeed, and Leeds United lose at Brighton, they will assume pole position in the second

West Ham United will arrive at Boundary Park with a dual mission, to both avenge a 6-0 defeat in the Littlewoods Cup by Oldham Athletic carlier in the season, and climb into the play-off zone.

By achieving either objective, the Londoners will effectively .. end Oldham's promotion ambitions.

# TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

could start for Arsenal, but Groves is absent, Hayes, Car and Pates compete for the Aston Villa v Millwall ASTOR VILIA V MILIWALI
With Gage and Birch still
nured, Villa are skely to field the
side which loat to Manchester
United in michweak. Miliwall, are
without Stevens (suspended);
O'Callagrian is back in the squad
tollowing a year out with an
ankle injury, and home could return
in goal for the first time since
New Year's Day. examples on the substitutes Man City v Everton

Lave (back) and White (anide) face lets fitness tests for City. Beagnie (anide) joins Ratcliffe, Snodin, and Keown on the Evenion njury list, but Pointon occirl QPR y Sheff Wed

Wednesday are injury free and choose from 16. Southampton v Nett'm Forest. Southampton are unchanged, Crossley and Cerr retain their

Wimbledon ▼ Coventry Winibledon are unchanged, so Goodysar makes his second appearance at full back tollowing a long term injury. Gynn is if again and returns to the Coventry squad,

Second division Brighton v Leeds Getting (triigh) and Berham (ankle) face late fitness tests for Brighton; Robinson, aged 18, is poised for his debut on the wing. poised for his debut on the wing. Leads retain the side which beat Sheffield United on Monday.

Oldham ▼ West Ham Oldham omit Hallworth in goal and recall Filtodas. Millionn and Manufall are fit and cours to a 15 strong squad, but Burn (foot) With Sishop (enide) still absent, Grady retains his place in the Wes

Plymouth v Newcastle a systemment V Newcastle Statished and Salman are doubtful for Plymouth. Bradished replaces the injured Rumon at right back for Newcastle who are still without Gallacher, Askew, Sweeney, Fereday, and Brazil (all injured)

Sheff Utd v Port Vale Standille and Writehuns lace late fitness tests for United, who restore Agans to the attack Eurie returns for Vale after Stoke v Blackburn

Sellars (groin) and Gennoe (leg) are doubtful for Rovers. Sunderland v Portsmouth Bannett (groin) is missing for Sunderland; Heathcote deputizes. Bracewell replaces Alfainson in the mediald, and Brady returns on the seing. Portamouth are Swindon v West Brom Bunnister (harvistring) is absent for West Brom; Foster deputoes in

next season, following the sale of their Scaland Road ground in the city to property developers.
The homeless third division club have been locked in an ever more desperate search for a stadium to share while plans for a new purpose-built facility are completed, and have already failed in efforts to move to Manchester City, Wrexham and

the rugby league club, Widnes.
Their hopes are now pinned on striking a deal with Warrington, another rugby league club, but the League's patience is running out.
Ian Cotton, the League's press
liason officer, said yesterday:
"Time is pressing on and Ches-

ter have to start providing some hard and fast information, instead of wandering around the North-West looking for a new ground. They've got to put something concrete in front of the committee when they meet early next month."

Cotton added that any decision made by Chester has to be approved by the full Football League management committee, which meets on May 3.

• Steve Clarke, the Chelsea full back, who plays for the Scotland B side against East Germany at Perth on April 24, has submitted Perth on April 24, has submitted a written transfer request after losing his place in the side. Clarks, hopeful of being included in Andy Roxburgh's World Cup squad for the finals in Italy, has missed 13 manches after injuring his back. He has been replaced at Cheisea by Gareth Hall, a Welsh international.

 Three Leicester City supporters will today stage an airborne protest calling for the dismissal protest calling for the dismissal of the manager, David Pleat, and the chairman, Terry Shipman.

The supporters have spent £362 to hire plane streaming a banner saying "Pleat out, Ship-man out" over the home game at Filbert Street against Middlesbrough today. Pleat commented: "Everybody in football thinks they can do the job better than you can."

• BUDAPEST (AFP) — The Hungarian Football Federation

Hungarian Football Federation plans to ban a group of Hungarian players who have undertaken a tour of South Africa without permission.

Most of the players taking part in the tour of indoor football halls are amateurs from the Flandria Budapest club, but one member, Attila Herbaly, is from Csepel, of the first division, and two are from the vision, and two are from the second division club, Volan

Doncaster Belles, thee the 1980 winners, St Helens, in one of the two women's FA Cup semi-The other semi-final brings together Friends of Fulham, the 1985 winners, and Preston



Base instincts: Kevin Elster, of the New York Mets baseball team, fails to tag Barry Lyons, of the Chicago Cubs, as he steals second, but the Mets won, 4-1

STUDENT SPORT

# Games festival earns rerun

THERE is no annual British student games; but the increas-ing agglomeration of events under the Endsleigh banner means that the triangular festival which it has built up takes an increased importance. No an-nual event involves so many students and the success of this wear's tournament, which fin-ished yesterday at Lough-borough University, has guaran-teed its survival next year.

The event has been booked for Sheffield and will constitute for Sheffield and will constitute a dress rehearsal for many of the facilities for the 1991 World Student Games. Endsleigh has committed itself to approachip and more sports, possibly athletics or swimming, are mooted.

Yesterday the polytechnics completed a hockey double when their woman beat the universities 2-1. Universities took the lead after six minutes when Janet McAdoo converted a short corner.

Thereafter, the polytechnics found their rhythm although McAdoo and Jane Burley proved immaculate in the BUSF but Ari Schwarz equalized for the polytechnics shortly before the interval. Richard Chidley restored the

defence. It took an inspired goal by Christine Cook, the England Under-21 captain, from a weav-ing run and delicate shot, to restore parity.

BPSA maintained the pressure until Gill Clarke crashed the ball pass Aileen Claxton from a short corner with 13 minutes left.

The universities men's

The universities men's hockey team regained some pride by besting the colleges into second place with a 5-1 win, Ian O'Bryan, Owen Mackney (twice), Marc Zander and Andy Wyatt scored for the univer-sities, and Mike Register for the colleges, who trailed 3-1 at the interval.

The polytechnics came from behind twice to win the football title, beating the colleges 3-2. Ian Stone scored after five minutes

college's lead in the 57th minute but the scores were levelled again within 60 seconds. Hartley was left unmarked on the six-yard line to head Andy Parker's huge free kick in; and David Richardson gave the poly-technic the lead for the first time, latching onto the rebound after Parker's powerful free kick hit the post

The universities made a clean sweep in the volleyball, defeat-ing the polytechnics to gain the men's title and completing an en's. Universities also took the

RESULTA: Football: BPSA 3, BCSA 2, Hockey: Men: BUSF 5, BCSA 1, Women: BPSA 2, BUSF 1, Nechsit: BCSA 30, BPSA 38: BUSF 20, BCSA 16, Voterpall: Men: BPSA 1, BCSA 2; BCSA 0, BUSF 2; BUSF 2, BPSA 0, Women: BCSA 2, BPSA 1; BPSA 0, BUSF 2; BUSF 2, BCSA 1.

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BASKETBALL POUR COUNTRIES TOURNAMENT: (Kelver Hall, Glasgow): Expland v Ireland (2.0); Scotland v Denmark (4.0);

HOCKEY POUNDSTRETCHER LEAGUE CUP: Semi-fixels: Houslow v Stough (Felthern 1.30pm); East Grinsteed v Havent (Old Welcounders ground, Bansteed 2.45). NATIONAL INTER-LEAGUE CHAMP-IONSTEP, (at Olgo and West Warwardt: Barford Tigers v Presson; Trojans v Surbiton; Frebrands v Chelmsford; Presson v Trojans: Frebrands v Surbiton; Chelmsford v Barford Tigers.

ALL-ENGLAND WOMEN'S CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP: (at Bournemouth): Play-offs, sami-finals and final. AMERICAN FOOTBALL NOSIA LEAGUE: Birmingham Bulls v Loodon Olympiane (Salford Park, 2-30; Chalstord Charoleo v Trauma Valley Chargers (Melbourne Park, 3-0); Manchester Almany v Nottingham Hoods (Swinton, 1-0; Nortuents Sorm v Lauds Coupers (Wellingborough, 2-30).

ICE HOCKEY OTHER SPORT ATHLETICS: ADT London Marketon CANDENG: Treweryn Selection (Sala, North Wales); Spring Regatts

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First round (Swatters).
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MEST: Chis markers Athey Down v Kingswood; Avonmouth v Chipping Sodbury; Backwell v Berton Hill; Bernstaple v Redruth; Bath OE v Chew Valley; Bishopaton v Bristol Herlequins; Bisgon v Imperiat; Bristol Saracens v Gordeno; Brissol Telephones v St Brenden's Old Boye; Broad Plain v Burntham-on-Sea; Bude v Veor; Camborne v Devon and Cornwall Police; Castle Cary v Cheddar; Calcidot v Cleves. Crewisorse v Doronester; Citton Winds v Old Bristolians; Devizes v Oldfield; Devonport Saratos v Permouth; Uchfield v Caburt, Meliston v Fellmouth; Uchfield v Caburt, Meliston v Fellmouth; Uchfield v Caburt, Meliston v Fellmouth; Uchfield v Caburt, Meliston v Artelians; Old Raddinians v Old Cottemisms; Newquey Hornets v Bidelord; North Petherson v Topsham; Old Artespians v Artelians; Old Raddinians v Gordon League; Plymouth Albon Extras; Stithians v Percance-Newlyn; Swanage v Mitamer Norion; St Bernachstes v BAC; St Meny Stant, Wells v Beith CS; Winscombe v Newlyn; Stant on Cotsrell; Wivelscombe v Newlyn Abbot.

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Wicker, Leds Corinthians v Yambury, Laigh v Castierout, Linky v Mattir, Leds Corinthians v Yambury, Laigh v Castierout, Linky v Mattovack, Livierpool Collegiste v Hightown; Maccheshald v Burnage; Malton and Norton v Bernelley; Mancheshav YMCA v Hutchersheld VMCA; Marrist v Melton Mowtrary; Mattock v Worksop; Midcheshare Colleges v Lymin; Moortown v Rocelleans; Mortey Clivaters v Laeds CSSA; New Brighton v Manchester; Newen-le-Willows v Tyldesley; Northern v Wakefield; Novocastrians v Seghili; Old Sadiens v Bordington; Old Sediens v Difficial; Oldham v Rochdale; Old Hymertans v Bedlington; Old Sediens v Difficial; Oldham v Rochdale; Old Hymertans v Bedlington; Old Seliens v Difficial; Oldham v Rochdale; Old Hymertans v Bedlington; Ods Saliens v Castie College; Odey Saracens v Wensteydale; Phoenix Park v Amithorpe Marrians; Pocidington v Whitby; Pontetract v Harrogais; Port Sumight v Crewe and Mantwich; Redcar v Blyfir, Rossendale v Kersel, Rockers v Blyfir, Rossendale v Kersel, Rockers v Blyfir, Rossendale v Kersel, Rossendale v Kersel, Sedgley Park v Old Crosseleans; Steffhed XV v Sheffield Tigers; Stockstridge v De la Salie (Samord); Moral v Landadoc, Witherman v Marrington Rick; West Park (St Hallens) v Marrington; Wetherbox v Krassesborough; York v Report; York v Report; Yorks v Nest V v Krassesborough; York v Report; York v Report; York v Report; York v Malth v Laeds v McC.

City Off v Stourbridge, Birmingham Welsh v Erdington: Bains v Wolverhampton; Bridgentam v House transport, Bridgentam v House and Highers: Burthwood v Sparlans; Carny Hill OE v Tarnworth; Cannock v Oid Ashbelans; Cardif v Hessingst Castadham v Birmingham and Solithult; Cheltenham Saracens v Drobsich: Conty v Southers Coventry Post Office v Wirewelt Ontry v Sensel, Dixonians v Stratford on Avon; Dunstablians v Lution; Earladon v Lutierworth; Handsworth v Newport, Hardery v Stow; Herdind v Leighton Buzzant; Kenäworth v Kidderminster; Kestevan v Rolls Royce; Kettering v Mistock; Kibscoff v Normamoon Castals; Kings Norton v Willenhalt; Lichfield v

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Creaminic, Southwell v Casuate; Systen v Wells y Claverdon; Thimblemill v Bournville; Vassayans, v Shalitans; West Bridgind v Wassayans, v Shalitans; Wassayan v Barbury; Walter Wassayans, v Santon; Woodrush v Shrewithur; Waltun v Wassa, Shalitans, v Shalitans, Sees Casaler, Nor-C v Basyrmana (Roventral, 2.30); CTYNS v Mellone (Roventral, 4.00). Leanater Senior Cap: Senio-Real (3.00): Monkstown v St Mary's College (Lensdown's Road). Cites materix Graystones v President's XV (Dr Hickey RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: So and division play-offer First rour Ryedale York v Helitax.

BASKETBALL POUR COUNTRIES TOURNAMENT: (ICH-vin Hall, Glasgow): treland v Denmark (2.0); Scattern v England (4.0). HOCKEY

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championships in Japan next

SPORT ON TELEVISION

Today AUSTRALIAN -NULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 9.30-10.30pm. BASKETBALL: Streensport 4.30-6pm; American league.

BOXING: Eurosport 7-9pm: World championship: Floshi v Dagel and Dele v Redondo: Screensport 3-30-11pm: High-lights of the WBA World middleweight championship: Michael Wasson (GS) v Mice WcCallum (Jum) from the Albert Hell.

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GOLF: Eurosport 2-4pm and 11pm-1am:
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GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12:30-5.05pm:
Snooker: Coverage of the Embassy
World Professional Championship from
Sheffield: lee hockey: Neinslan championship.

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Touring Car Championship from Outon
Park: Recing 2.0, 2.30, 3.0 and 3.30 from
Nashury.

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MOTOR SPORT: Someoneport 10 am-rad-day and 3-fort: Highlights of the MASCAN Visuaevals 600 from South Carolina and Drag recing: Highlights of the MIRA Galor sational championals from Plorida. POLO WORLD: Screensport 4-4.30pm: Highlights of the Rolex Gold Cup from Pain Beach, and Asstralian Open from POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL

RACING: C4 2.45-5.05pm; 2.55, 8.25, 4.05

SKIRRS: Screensport 8.30-ppm; High-lights of the final states award from Keystone, Colorado.

PRODORET 88-2 8 10-7.05, 7.50-8.35pm and 10.05pm-12.05am; Coverage of the Emission World Professional Champ-lonship from the Crucble Theatre, Sneffield.

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 4-Sport Sport from around the world. LIPDATE: Screensport form.

BASEBALL: Screensport 12,30-2pm: BASKETBALL: Screensport 8-9.30pm: BASKETBALL Burneys

BOXDIG: Screensport 1-2.45am and 11.30-lam Problems event from the United States, and British/Commonwealth light welter-

Chelmstond; Prebrands v Berrord Tigers; Surbiton v Preston.
ALL-ENGLAND WOMEN'S CLUB CHARPHONSHS; tat Boumenouth; Yets and SG v Leicester; Wimbledon v Chelmstond; Hightown v Yiste and SG v Wimbledon; Chelmstond; Yate and SG v Wimbledon; Chelmstond v Hightown; Lacester v Wimbledon; Sutton v Brackneit; Orpington v Bedant; Sutton v Sutton; Sackneit v Bedant; Sutton v Orpington; Bedant v Bedant; Sutton v Orpington; Bedant v Empouts; Brackneit v Orpington.

EDITION AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES SHELLS Final: Whilekinghts v Cameradge Park (King George Field, 10.0). LONGON AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES FOURS CHAMPIONSHE? Final: Cyphers v Towartands (King George Field, 10.0). OTHER SPORT

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NETBALL: Eman Inter County Chemp-ionship (Aneriey, London).

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and 4.40 from Ayr: Screensport 6-5.30pm:

RALLYCHOSS: Suspensort 9-10mm and midraght: Highlights of the British Complements from North Yorkshire. MESULTS SERVICE ITY 4.45-500. EAUNT AND CHEAVEST ITV 1.10-1.40pm.

ATRIETICS: BBC1 9.10em-12.10pm and Europeat 9.50em orwards: Live coverage of the ADT London Marathon: BBC1 12.40-1.20pm and 7.15-8.05pm: Further coverage of the ADT London Marathon: Earnes of 8-7pm: Highlytes of the Rotter-dam marathon.

FELM: Eurosport 9-10,30pm; "The 1962 World Cap".

ICE HOCKEY BOWLS LONDON AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES SHELLS: Fittals Whileknights v Cambridge

KARATE SKIEF European Tourner (Crystal Paleon). MOTOR SPORTE Mobil Truck Superpris

PAT Cash, of Australia, the 1987 Wimbledon champion. has been given a wild card entry into the Stella Artois grass-court tennis championships at Queen's Club, London from

June 11 to 17. ROD Sumpter, from Perranporth, Cornwall, the European longboard champion, heads a 13-strong British team

leegue: Eurosport 7-9pm: Spenis GOLF: Eureeport after the London Mara-thon and 10.30pm-1am: Coverage of the Madrid Open: Screensport 2-4pm: High-lights of the Heritage Classic from South Carolina.

GRANDSTAND: BSC1 1.25-5.50pm: Rugby Union: Four Home Unions XV v Rest of Europe XV from Twickenhem: Snocker. Coverage of the Embessy World Professional Championship from Shelfleid: Ice hockey. Heineken cisterpionship: Semi-final from Wembley: Motor Sport: Third round of the Lucas British F3 Championship from Thruston.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 9 30-11 30am and 6-8pm; National Hockey League Play-offs: Distributal Hockey League Store the United Marathon: World Championship: Highlights of United States v West Germany from Swouthard.

BIOTOR SPORT: Screensport 6-8am and 8-9pm: Highlights of the NASCAR Valleydate 500 from Tennessee and Dreg racing: Highlights of the HiffA Cator national champlenship from Florida. RALLYCROSS: Screensport 4-5 and 10:30-11.30pm: Highlights of the British Championships from North Yorkshire.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 9-10.30pm: Highlights of St Helens v Leeds. Mutaty S-SCIAL: Highlights of the Po-Home Unions XV v Rest of Europe XV from Twickenham. SKIING: Screensport 11.30em-midday: Highlights of the shell station event from Keystone, Colorado.

SMORER: BBC2 12-12.30, 8.55-10pm and 12.15-1.15am (Monday): Coverage of the Embassy World Professional Champ-looship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. UPDATE: Screensport Som.

# Chance to play beside Faldo

-DUNHILL BRITISH MASTERS

The Times today offers the chance for a reader to play alongside Nick Faldo on Wednesday, May 30, in the celebrity pro-am competition before the Dunhill British Mas-

ters at Woburn. This is a rare opportunity to partner Faldo — who this month retained the Masters championship at Augusta. Georgia, and who will be trying for his second successive Dunhill British Masters title.
Our winner will partner

Faldo, a celebrity and two other players in the exciting Texas Scramble that makes this one of the best pro-ams of the year. In addition, the winner will be allowed to invite a guest for a thoroughly memorable deposit at Woburn as the guest of

The Dunhill British Masters, with a prize fund of £300,000, starts on Thursday, May 31, with the finish on Sunday, June

The winner of The Times

competition will need to be aged 18 years and over and have an official club handicap of 18 or better. To enter, study the six questions below, complete the entry form, and send it to Dunbill British Masters competition, Sports Department, The Times.

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN, to arrive by Tuesday, May THE QUESTIONS

. Who was runner-up to Nick Faldo in the 1989 US Mas-

Who is the club professional at Woburn? 3. 3 Who won the Dunhill British Masters in 1987?

4. When did Nick Faldo win the English championship? 5. Who was the leading money winner on the United States PGA Tour last year?

two courses at Woburn? ENTRY FORM

GOLF CLUM

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY The competition is not open to employees (or their relatives) o Times Newspapers Ltd, Dunhii s (or their relatives) of vspapers Ltd, Dunhill or their agents. The Sports Editor's decision is final. No

IN BRIEF

# **Tongans** barred

SEVEN Tongan rugby league players were refused visas to enter New Zealand because they have relatives in New Zealand whose visas have expired but who have not left the country (AFP reports from Wellington). It is felt they might be tempted to remain illegally after their tour ends. Immigration officials re-called that five years ago a Tongan team on its way to Australia stopped over in New players went any further.

Favoured pair THE world rackets champion. James Male, and the former world champion, John Prenn. start as favourites for the Lacoste British open doubles championship, which begins

today at the Queen's Club. Sudden loss

THE Soviet Union has withdrawn from the women's hockey World Cup in Sydney from May 2 to 13 and has been replaced by the United States, the organizers said (Reuter Moscow spoke of lack of hard

Sticky ice

currency to travel.

ORGANIZERS of the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville say the ice hockey events will go ahead as planned, despite boycott threats from the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), which demands three rinks and not

will entertain Warrington to-morrow in a dress rehearsal Widnes, who have won the

take a couple of remarkable whose broken toe has made team talks by the coaches, him a tour casualty. John Monie and Brian Johnson, to lift their sides.

premiership prize is worth bringing their strong recent having, both in financial run to an end. terms and in prestige, and also impossible to forecast, though the Wigan coach, Monie, is

Wigan are forced to play over their ability to go after a injured.

THERE were loud grozns fourth trophy this season. from all sides last weekend although Andy Platt will be on when the final premiership the substitutes' bench and will placings decreed that Wigan be given an opportunity to

Widnes, who have won the for next Saturday's Silk Cut premiership for the past two Challenge Cup final at Wem-seasons, are making a late attempt to salvage something This was the situation no from an otherwise disappointone wanted, least of all the ing season. They may have to clubs. They have the choice of fight hard against Hull, who risking both injury and giving gave them a good run in last too much away before Sat- year's premiership final, and urday's showpiece, and it will they will be without Offiah.

Widnes have not been as convincing this season as last, On the other hand, the and Hull are quite capable of

St Helens have to travel to as a sop for wounded pride in Bradford Northern without the event of a Wembley Stuart Evans, the Welsh front deteat. With such a lottery of row forward who has been an imponderables here is a game outstanding member of the pack on the few occasions he has been able to shake off known to be fiercely keen to injuries. Northern are looking win everything going in his for a trophy to add to the Yorkshire Cup, but they may have to take the field without without their injured stars, their own front row powerwhich casts another question house. Kelvin Skerrett, who is

#### FISHING

# Anxieties cleared with winter rain

months ago, has been impres-

GOOD news for fishermen on the Test and the Itchen. Last year, when Hampshire was one of the worst affected drought areas in England, with ground water levels the lowest ever recorded, there were fears for this season's fishing. The season may yet flourish.

however, unless we get another terrible drought.

Something like 75 per cent of the public water supply in the region comes from borehole obstruction and over many years the springs that feed these wo famous rivers have accordingly suffered a reduced flow. A major effect of low flows has been to create dirty water con-ditions, because the sediment is

not carried away.

But Peter Herbertson, the resources manager of the Southern National Rivers Authority, has reported this week that rain in Januar, and February was double the monthly average at the position in the west of the region has much improved.

indeed, both the Test and the Itchen have had such a heavy winter scouring that the Abbotts Barton Club on the Itchen has postponed the start of the season to allow the weed to recover. Some stretches of the river now

guarding the Take the Abbotts Barton wat-

er of the ltchen in pleasant meadows just above Winwhere G E M Skues fished for 56 years and carried out the experiments which led to the dev-elopment of nymph fishing.

There are now factories and ouses in many places where in time there used to be fields. Recently one factory. Webbs Country Food, at Winnall, put in an application to increase its abstraction from the

The NRA refused the licence for summer abstraction on the grounds that the Abbotts Barton area was a site of special scientific interest (SSSI). It was supported by the Nature Conservancy Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Nature Conservancy Trust. The company appealed against the refusal and asked for a public inquiry. That was to be held but at the last moment the company

There are other cases in the NRA regions in the South-west and Wales where, similarly, there is a new determination to has all been swept away.

The National Rivers Authority, set up only seven Toughness is paying off.

#### YACHTING

# Recovery conference

and cruising yachtsmen are expected today in the Westminster Hall, London, at The Times-RORC Safety at Sea Conference (Malcolm McKeag

This is the first of two such seminars organized as part of the safety initiative set up last year to examine, in particular, the problems surrounding the loss of crew members overboard from yachts at sea. The second conference is planned for the

MORE than 200 offshore racing Southempton Boat Show in

The work of The Times-RORC Safety at Sea committee has included the development of a number of location and recovery devices for use in man-overboard situations and these along with the results of research into subjects as varied as fatigue seasickness and a phenomenon known as "secondary drown-

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freely week - the latest news, views and colour reports from around the racing world. Dunlop's filly all the rage for first classic after impressive display in Newbury trial

# Salsabil sets Guineas alight

AFTER squeezing through a narrow gap, Salsabil showed explosive powers of acceleration to race home six lengths clear of Haunting Beauty in the Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury

The punters, convinced that they had seen the birth of a future classic star, fell on the bookmakers like a pack of ravening wolves. By the end of the afternoon Hamdan Al-Maktoum's filly was top quoted at 6-4 for the 1,000

William Hill had the temerity to offer 3-1 immediately after the race. "We laid her at that price, 5-2, 9-4 and then £10,000 at 2-1," said their surprised representative Don Payne. The same story came from Ladbrokes. "That was the most spouta-

neous and conserted reaction to a classic trial that we can remember," said Mike Dillon. Willie Carson, now seeking a first victory in the one classic

that has so far cluded his grasp, hit the nail on the head when he said afterwards: That was very satisfactory. If she can repeat that performance on 1.000 Guineas day, she'll be very hard to beat."

The only possible doubt concerning the merit of this sparkling performance was the fact that the other two group one winners in the race both ran disappointingly. Chimes Of Freedom finished fourth and Dead Certain last. "Just when I'd moved up and feeling reasonably happy, the filly was going nowhere," reported Steve Cauthen about Chimes Of Freedom.

After making the early running, Dead Certain put her head in the air half way up the straight before dropping out of contention. The stewards held an inquiry and ordered a routine dope test to be taken. David Elsworth, baffled by

this dispirited effort, said: She promptly put her head in the air because she got something in her eye. But she ran too badly to be true and there must be something wrong

The highest priced yearling filly sold at the 1988 Highflyer Sales at 440,000 guiness, Salsabil is sired by Sadler's Wells and is out of the Coronation Stakes winner Flame Of Tara. Always held in high regard

at Arundel, she has only tasted defeat once when unluckily beaten by Free At Last on this track before that electrifying

Nomadic Way to reap rich Dueling harvest

ing home Kribensis in the very close if he reproduces his Champion Hurdle, has a fine Cheltenham form.
chance of giving Robert Uptown Swell is a grade one chance of giving Robert
Sangster and Barry Hills the winner on the Flat, and has lion's share of the £465.838 on offer in the Dueling Grounds International Hurdle at Dueling main danger, although the Grounds, Kentucky tomorrow classy Collins has sound claims

The field also includes Martin Pipe's impressive Cheltenham winner Regal Ambition and Valrodian from England, Paddy Mullins's tough mare Grabel from Ireland, Collins from Strange and Lincoln Superly who France and Uptown Swell, who is the pick of the home

HIROLE (045) SSE 2m 61 (9 rumen)
Uptown Swell trained by P Miller 8-11-2
ticken by Blyne Miller, Polar Pleases J
Sheppart 8-11-2 (C Ryan), Peer Prince C
Fernick 5-11-2 (S Smith Eccles), Netanadic Way 8 Hits GB 5 11-2 (R
Dursecody), Summer Cotony J Sheppard
7-11-2 (6 Guesstord), Valradiam M Robinson GB 7 11-2 (J Lawrence), Regal
Ambitton M Pipe GB 6-11-2 (J Lower),
Collina J Lastordes FR 5-11-2 (D
Mescam), Graine P Multim SR 7-10-11 (A
Mullins).
Betting: 9-4 Normatic Way, 5-2 Uptown Nomedic Way looks likely to dispute favouritism with Up-town Swell. Barry Hills's five-year-old should be ideally suited Betting: 9-4 Nomeclic Way, 5-2 Uptown Swell, 3-1 Collins, 11-2 Summer Colony, 7 Grabel, 10-1 Ragel Ambition, 14-1 others.

4.50 Skinnhill. 5.20 Eastern Destiny.

Selections

By Mandarin 2.0 Gentleman's Jig. 2.35 The Lighter Side. 3.10 Boutzdaroff, 3.45 Baluchi, 4.20 The Gaelchara.

Brian Beel's selection: 5.20 Eastern Destiny.

2.0 WHATCO NOVICES HURDLE (22,164: 2m 4f)

3-1 Gentleman's Jig. 4-1 Wise Customer, 5-1 Spring Rag. 6-1 Dudley, 8-1 Sir Noddy, 10-1 Massingham, 12-1 others. 2.35 ALFRED MGALPINE MINERALS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m) (5)

1 1191 THE LIGHTER RIDE 9 (2) P) B Preece 12-0 A Juckes (7)
2 103 HOWERL 10 F Francis 10-5 M Dwyer
3 0031 OSSETT 17 (0,F) J Scarpil 10-0 D Discoil (7)
4 8545 BHARKAT 7 (9) J Norton 10-0 D Flacky (7)
5 POJ ACCESSOFISOMECHARCH 45 E Owen Jun 10-0 D Skynse (8)

5-4 The Lighter Side, 5-2 Orsett, 4-1 Howgill, 6-1 Bharkat, 25-1 Accusation crurch. 3-10 ALFRED MCALPINE CONSTRUCTION NOV-

7 -OFF SANTOPADRE 46 (F.O.S) O O Neil 8-11-7 V Section (7) 8 -OOP VYNZ SUPPLEME 188 (F,G) Mrs N Sharpe 10-11-7

4-6 Boutzdaroff, 7-2 Masser Rajh, 8-1 Almerimar, 12-1 ntopadre, 16-1 Roman Dart, 25-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Q Ham, 6 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; D Gendello, 10 from 35, 28.6%; J Edwards, 17 from 73, 23.3%; J Meckle, 4 from 18, 22.2%; R Lee, 5 from 29, 17.2%; G Richards, 8 from 55, 10.1%.

JOCKEYS: B Dowling, 7 winners from 39 rides, 17.5%; Fi Bellamy, 4 from 27, 14.5%; Miles D Jones, 3 from 22, 13.5%; B Powell, 6 from 48, 12.2%; H Davies, 4 from 35, 11.4%; S Michell, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

 Michael Furlong has undergone a successful three-hour bone grafting operation on his fractured right leg in Cuckfield Hospital, Sussex.

Furlong was also concussed and bruised in a last-fence fall from Never A Penny at Plumpton on

ICES CHASE (£3,824: 2m) (8)



victory in the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp on Arc

"John Dunlop, aiready successful in the 1,000 in 1980 with Quick As Lightning, said: She's never done much wrong throughout her life and she's no trouble to train. She's a better filly that Quick As Lightning. I was a bit worried after Sajjaya, the filly she works with finished last at Kempton. But when that filly was found to have a problem I was happy again."

General prices now on offer for the classic are 6-4 Saisabil, 4-1 Heart Of Joy, and 8-1 Hasbah, Negligent and In The

On the 2,000 Guineas front, John Gosden had news of Anshan, the winner of Wednesday's Free Handicap. After the Newmarket trainer had watched Walter Swinburn ride Alfujairah to a convincing win in the Mail On Sunday Handicap, the trainer said:

possible next race." Cecil was not too dis-

ROYAL Athlete, described by his trainer Jenny Pitman as a horse with "endless guts", lived up to that stamp fully when capturing the Souter Of Stirling

Blinkered first time THIRSK: 5.15 Tride's Guest.

3.45 ALFRED McALPINE CHASE (Limited hand)-

1 RPSU PURCA MAJOR 14 (F/ILS) T Thomson Jones 5-12-0

2 -143 EARS 42 (CD.SF.F.G.S) C Brooks 8-11-11. 8 de Maria 1 -152 WEIGH DAK 21 (CD.F.G.S) D Gerockio 10-15-13 M Degree I P165 GERTEBAND 52 (F.G) M H Emissty 10-10-7 R Gentity (2) 5 -531 THE ASCOMMAT CO.D.F.O.S F Window 12-10-7 7 1-105 WARE FORGER 270 F.G. G. Maria 2-10-7 K Mooney

7 1-00 WARLEGGAN 7 (D.F.G) G Hom 9-10-7 L B 5221 BALLICHI 7 (B.C.D.F.G. S) B Freezon 9-10-7 A du B 5231 THE LANGRICUS (TVER ) (D.F.G.S) G RICHWICH

10 /F4 PENEROKESHINE LAD SI (D.BF.S) R Loo 9-10-7

1 DOPS MOS PALSE 16 (SLOS N Hersterson 8-11-10

3-1 Welsh Cair, 7-2 Bales, 9-2 Baluchi, 5-1 The Langholm Dyer, 6-1 The Argonaut, 8-1 Pulda Mejor, 12-1 others. 4.20 ALFRED MCALPINE HANDICAP HURDLE

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1 SP DESP AND EVEN 86 (7.5) C Brooks 10-10-8
5 1040 CARFAX 47 (S) R Hoad 5-10-5 Hembridon (7)
E SESO GRAYNDES DOUBLE 24 (C.F) E Owen (as 7-10-4 D.J. Rembrid

7 8602 INLLIQUINGLODY 4 (C.F) A Jones 8-10-0 Miss D Jones 6 000P SEXTON ASIA OF GLF. OF Miss S Witton 8-10-0

9 21FO MAID MARRIER SF (D.F.(I) Miles G Ress 8-10-0

10 GPPO GREAT AUNT SALLY 38 T Balley 9-10-0. J Raiben (3) 11 UFUP HELLO SAM ST (C.F.) J Bennett 7-10-0..... C Raiben (7) 7-4 The Gaelchern, 5-2 Inde Puise, 6-1 Cartex, 8-1 Deep And Even, 10-1 Billion Melody, 12-1 Cultern, 14-1 others.

4.50 ALFRED MEALPINE HOMES NOVICES HAN-

1 -121 WESTERN LEGEND 60 (D.G.6) J Edwards 6-11-13

2 1225 EXPORTEL 14.50.0.F.S.3) 7 Thomass Januar 5-11-11

4 F3P1 PALM LAD 26 (F) G Richards 7-10-10 .... L O'Hara (5) 5 050 MARINERYS 57-48 24 J Smithy B-10-7 .... M Booley 6 0-52 BALLET TRAIN 105 (S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-6 R Beggan 7 57-21 SOUTH CROSS 12 (F) 6 Moore 5-10-3 ..... M Duyer 8 -352 KING SEAR 35 Mrs H Parrott 8-10-1 .... R Bellanty (5) 8 33-6 SPACE GEM 45 R PERCOCK 9-10-0 .... Del McKaones 10 LOUP STORE STORE 37 (C) F K White 9-10-0 A O'Things 11 PP3P COLLANTARO 10 (G,5) C Vermon Miller 9-10-0 W Humphrays

7-2 Splitthedifference, 4-1 South Cross, 5-1 Western Legend, 6-1 Patm Led, 8-1 Stonnhall, 12-1 others.

5.20 ALFRED MCALPINE HUNTERS CHASE (Ama-

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P/2 WALLY WREIGH 45 J Edwards 7-12-0 ..... P Doyle (5)

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DICAP CHASE (£3,558: 2m 4f) (12)

cap: £7,490; 3m) (12)

squealing. He'll run in the Guineas as long as the going is reasonable. As Pat Eddery looks like riding Now Listen. appointed by Dress Parade's defeat. "He'll be all right," said the trainer. "He just tired in the last furlong." we'll all be scrambling around Richard Hannon's fine start

like mad dogs for jockeys." Henry Cocil had two heavily backed three-year-old winners at the Craven meeting. And yesterday the punters fearlessly laid 11-10 on Dress Parade continuing the se-quence in the Spring Maiden Stakes. But, after a spirited tussle in the last furlong, Eddery drove Quest For Fame home 11/2 lengths ahead of the favourite with Sacred Number, the third horse, a further three lengths away.

Quest For Fame is owned by Khaled Abdulla and is trained by Roger Charlton, Jeremy Tree's successor at Beckhampton. Both the first two home are obviously colts of some potential. "He's en-tered in the Derby," said the trainer. "The Chester Vase is a

# Royal Athlete earmarked for Gold Cup

capturing the Souter Of Stirling
Novices Chase at Ayr yesterday.
Mark Pitman, timing his
chailenge superbly, burst
through at the last on Royal
Athlete after a tough battle with
Carrick Hill Lad and Formula
One. He got Royal Athlete home
by two lengths from Carrick Hill
Lad.

The trainer said: "I will have two Gold Cup horses next year

- Toby Tobias and Royal Athlete - and I would not swap them for anything else."

Haslam tribute More than 200 racing personal-ities gathered at All Sainzs. Church, West Ilsley, yesterday to pay tribute to the memory of

to the season continued when Tony McGlone forced Les Animaux Nuages past the post a head in front of the favourite Hern, who gave the address, included William Hastings-Bass, Barry Hills, Peter Walwyn and Alex Scott, Tommy Town-Pay Homage. This 25-1 victory was something of a surprise to the Wiltshire trainer, as he also trained the send; Gny Harwood's head lad, and fellow travelling head lads, Jimmy Scott, George Winsor and Taffy Williams were also present. Willie Carson, Joe Mer-cer and Jimmy Lindley acted as third horse home, Sulastar. That was a bit of a shock as he's only worked on the all-weather," he said. "But he certainly showed an ability to Barney Curley has decided not to appeal against the £1,000 fine imposed by the Ascot stewards for withdrawing Arbrin from the Kestrel Hurdle

Ian Balding landed a double by winning the last two races with Noble Match and Calicon, who put up a fine performance when defying 9st 11lb in the Thatcham Stakes. After winning on Noble Match, John Matthias surrendered the mount on Balding's second winner to Ray

 William Lord, champion jockey in Austria for the past three seasons, has been booked to ride My Admiral, trained by Christian Wall, in the Burghelere Stakes at Newbury

Buster Haslam, Dick Hera's travelling head lad, who died last month (Michael Seely

# Bleu De France faces stiff Longchamp test

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

BLEU De France (Eric Legrix), currently among the market-leaders for the Derby at Epsom. Longchamp tomorrow in the £33,344 Prix Greffulhe, a group two contest over 10½ furlongs. He faces a stiff test, with the recent Prix de Courcelles winner Epervier Bleu and the promising Theatre Critic, trained by Andre Fabre, also in the line-up.

Epervier Bleu looks a high-class horse in the making, and has an obvious fitness edge. He may beat Bleu De France tomorrow, but connections of the latter are still extremely bullish about their colt's chances at

Petite Mon (Bruce Ray- Premio Name Di Roma (1m).

mond), Princess Taufan (Lanfranco Dettori) and Routliante (John Matthias) give the English a strong hand in tomorrow's £44,010 Premio Reeins Elena (1m), the Italian 1,000 Guineas, at the

# Good show expected from Our Entertainer

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Point-to-point by Brian Beel

TWO horses with almost identical records are among the entries for The Times Champ-ionsinp qualifier at the Dari-mor point-to-point at Modbury

Promised both followed up maiden successes with wins in us races under the same rider Philip Scotfield.

race may not come from either, Bergen Saby qualified for the Audi final by winning at the Tetcott last Saturday for Robin Mills in good company, but grier to this he had been bearen at Ouery St Mary by Our Enterminer.



Barons's assistant, can get Our Emertainer to produce the same Emertainer to produce the same sort of performance today, he is the one they all have to beat.

With 61 entries at the Pestyrch, the Times qualifier here looks sure to be divided.

Wonder Willet has already gualified by coming second at Llanvapley but could make sure of a place in the final, without having to go into the ballot, by

or a piace in the that, without having to go into the ballot, by going one better here.

Two horses who last met at Aintree, Border Sun and Whitsunday, are among the 37 entries for the Lady Dudity Cup at the Worcestershire, "Met" is the appropriate word, as it was the riderless Wintsunday who knocked Simon Sweeting off Border Sun when he ran down the fence three from home in the

In recent years this race has lost some of its former prestige but the quality of the entitoday cannot be faulted. Senate of Rome, so far not tried in hunter chases, as many of these have been, could be good enough to best them all if ridden Senator Of Rome, however,

may take an alternative engagement, the open at the South &

today are at the Bedale, where Glea Locken looks to be second best to Straight Pilot, and at the Bicester, where Border Burg should account for Bolands

The Seavington has topped the 200-mark for entries for the first time for the meeting at Chard, which features a high-chass indies race. My Mellow Man has disappointed over the stiffer fences in his two outings in hunter chases and may be in need of a confidence booster. Jenny Litsson has however, an Jenny Litston has, however, an alternative in Gathabawn.

Palside will be out to make amends in the maiden race at the West Kent after his fell at the

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Today's meetings ins Elena (1m), the Italian 1,000 Guineas, at the Capannelle, Rome.

Petite Mou has already won this term, airhough Princess Taufan boarts the best two-year-old form of the trio. However, they may all be bearen by the ex-Barry Hills-trained Atoll (Gary Moore), now in the care of Armando Renzonl.

Also tomorrow. Clive Brittain's Sikeston (Michael Roberts) contests the £24,449 Premio Natale Di Roma (1m).

#### Results from yesterday's three meetings Newbury Ayr

Geing: good

2.10 (St) 1. LES ANNIAIE WIARES (A MicGione, 25-1); 2. Pay Honnage (J Mathias, 13-5 fav); S. Solester (G Rouse, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Kurrajong, 9 Forge, 10 Go Executive (Sth., 12 Bold Double (Sth.), 14 Gasth., 16 Mazzh, 20 Forsign Alismon, 25 Village Pet (Ath), 11 ran. Hd, 2, 118, 1181, not. R Hamon at East Everlaigh. Totar 232.70; 25.70. 21.50, 21.70. Dec. 2207.20. CSP: 255.16. Timin 05,12sec.

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L40 (Im 2) 1, CIRCU FOR PARK (Pix Eddery, 7-2); 2, Dress Parkele (S Cauthen, 10-11 fav); 3, Sacred Massher (A McGione, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 12 Herstoot (5th, 14 Clare High, Tyling Days, 16 Porto Hell, 25 Basuschamp Equation (6th), Crystal Spirit (4th), 18cchayevich, 33 Brit Lane, Main Fleet, Postage Shasp, Prince Bollinger, Rasheed, Return To Sender, 50 Deadlock, Isplang, Mibrest, Tudor Enree, Solder Women, 21 ras. 174, 31, 251, 31, 2. R Chariton at Beckhampton, Tota: 24,50; 21,70, 21,40, 23,40. DP: 2370. CSP: 27,55, 2nm 25,51sec.

Harmting Beauty ch 1 Berachols — Viter (Triangle Thoroughbrids Ltd) 9-0 M Roberts (20-1) 2. London Pride b I Law Part — Decor Empress (F Salman) 9-0 7 Optim (20-1) 2.

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fax Dead Certain, 5-2 Chimes Of Freedom (4th), 20 Fearless Revival, Mademoisede Chice (5th), 33 Latestand Beauty (6th), 8 ran, 6t, ind, 4t, ind, 1141, J Dunlop at Arundel, Tolec 22-80; 21.50, 23.70, 22.70, DF: £19.00, CSF: £41.34, 1min 31.63:seo.

3.40 (1m) 1, ALFUJAIRAH (IV R Swin-burn, 7-1); 2, Courteey Title (1 Cuinn, 15-2); 3, Millifields Lady (G Bardwell, 40-1), ALBO RAN- 6 fav Capability Brown (1811), 13-2 Later Of Belanoral (1811; Storm (1811), 13-2 Later Of Belanoral (1811; Storm Liess, 8 Brosonwy San, 10 Antoiness Jerse, 12 Lift And Loed, 14 San Hill (481), 16 Applianceoisciance, 20 American Con-cation, 25, Pusey Street Boy, Sleepline Pelica, 14 ran. 6, 4, 274, hd, 11, J Gondon 11 Newsparket, Toter 25-50; 22-70, 23-30, 27-50, DF-25-680, CSF-233-78, Tricast 21,778-58, 1004 50 MATCH (1 Newsbire)

4.70 (51) 1. NOBLE MATCH (J Metthias. 10-1); 2. Case Law (G Duffield, 4-1-1-lay); 3. Eachs Boys (G Hod, 4-1-1-1-lay); 4.50 Hods, house from (J Briss, 10-1); 50), 10 Lyncistyles (6th); 14 Royal Supreme, Decott, 25 Factisels, 35 Brown Carpet, Barbezieux (4th); 12 an. NFt. British, 11, Ind. 154, 154, NJ, 1 Belding et Klogedere. Tota: PARSO: 2250, 2750, C150, DF: 224,00, CSF: De254, Tricing: ET4-7.1. Iran (S.85acc.

4.40 (2m) 1, Castoon (R Cocheson, 10-1); 2, Prince Bobor (18-1); 3, The Red Greater (16-1); 11 ran, Sciam 7-2 fav. 6, 351 i. Balding, Yoge \$12.00; \$2.50, \$4.60, \$3.40, DF, \$25.80, CSF, \$133.87, Tricase \$2.272.23.

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Going: not:

2.0 (2m 5f ch) 1. ASTRE RADIERK (M. Paries, 5-1); 3. Remainly Kloy (R. Guect, 6-1); 3. Remainly Kloy (R. Guect, 6-1); 3. Remainly Kloy (R. Guect, 6-1); 3. Remainly Kloy (R. S.-1); 4. Tertian Temperat (N. Dought); 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 (R-1) the Humble Tiller (po). Klokspartin (D. 17-2 Die Boote (po), 10 Fermann Lad. 12 Hobpist (poi), 14 Foston (Sth). Suckey Folly (bo). 20 Green Tops (poi). Carounel Rodiest (poi), 25 Versay (Rth). Lough Roset (R. 100 Centus, 500 Klomenson (D. 100 Limitique Pariest (poi). 18 ran. NR: Western Lagand, McKery, 6. 5. 15. 2, 8. S. Mester of Semicon, True: Ed. 20, 11. St. 21. St. St. 20, 20. De 20. De 27. 30. CSR: 256.2. Tricast: E1.415.93.

2.35 (3m 110) och) 1. ROYAL ATHLETE 10-11 fav); 3. Secred Number (A McGone, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Herwitod (5th), 14 Claim High, Thying Days, 16 Force (15th), 15 Claim High, 15 Beautomap Boreau (16th), Crystell (15th), 15 Claim High, 15 Beautomap Boreau (16th), Crystell (15th), 15 Claim High Company, 2-1; 3. Forceau Company, 2-1; 4. Forceau Compan E1.50. OP: 22.10. CSF: Y2.55.

3.5 (2m hole) 1. INSTANT TAN (1 Cabonic, 20-1); 2. Harmood German (M Brank). Tank (1 Cabonic, 20-1); 2. Harmood German (M Brank). Tank (4 Spenish Servant) (1 Harvey, 7-1); ALSO RAIK 7 Garman Boy, 12 India Move, Monk's Misister, Menimoore [570], 14 Murran (7 Trush (1), 16 Candianing, 20 Musical Mystery, 25 Sucotar Table, Genotica, 40 Pri Pony (50), 50 Go Crzty (pul, 50) Honorary Consul (pul, 16 zan. NR: Furry Path, Panday Gold. NI, Ind., sh hd, 1%, Ink. J. J. O'Rhall at Persish, Tone (25.50; 25.10, 82.80, 91.20, 42.50, DE 2730.50, CSF: £151.70. Writest: 2564.25.

1335 (2m hdie) 1, SAYPARIEE (J. Lower, 11-2); 2, Don Veleration (M. Phrain, 7-1); 3, Addiso (J. Oshome, 16-1), ALSO RAM; 9-2 (2x Jinty), Jack (f), 13-2 Deep Settetton (5th), 8 Lumberjack (pu), 10 Vergetox, 11 Dis Train (8th), 16 Asiasi, Sacre O'Orietti, 25 See You Then, 33 Al Astock 40 Alenor Rex. 13 ran. 6, 23, 11, 11, 8, M. Pine et Wellington, Total: 27.40; 23.50, 22.40; 24.70, Dr. 122.50, GSF; 238.56, Trainsticesson, 22.

4.5 Sm 110vc ch) 1, MRSTER HARTIGAN (N Williamsch, 14-1); 2, Rich Rundonse (R Goldstein, 4-1 Say; 3, The Demin Bacher (S McCourt, 8-1), ALSO Rack Theorem (Inc., 8 Turns Over (Inc.), Fingest (Say, Rebel Song gras, 9 Harter (pd., 12 Bosenial Lass (pd., 18 Paide Harter), 20 Corpor Trad, Grann Gorne (ps., 33 Cool Brew (pd., 50 Burannpour (pd., 33 Cool Brew (pd., 50 Burannpour (pd., 18 Paide Harter), 20 Cooper Trad, Grann Gorne (ps., 33 Cool Brew (pd., 50 Burannpour (pd., 18 Paide Harter), 25 Cool Brew (pd., 50 Burannpour (pd., 18 Paide Harter), 25 Cool Brew (pd., 18 Burannpour (pd., 18 Paide Harter), 25 Cool Brew (pd., 18 Burannpour (pd., 18 Paide Harter), 25 Cool Brew (pd., 18 Burannpour (pd., 18 Paide Harter), 25 Cool Brew (pd., 18 Burannpour (pd., 18 Buranne), 25 Cool Brew (pd., 18 Burann 4.36 (2m trdis) 1, Aust. Bye (A Charlton, 10-1); 2, Garner Warr (25-1); 3, Randolph Piace (13-2); 4, Royal Astronom (9-1), Routiny 4-1 fav. 23 rao. 8, 254 K. White. Totar: £5.20; £2.20, £2.80, £1.80, £3.30. Dr. £58.20. GSF: £227.77. Tricent: £1.622.10

OFFICIAL BENATURNES: All encompo-ments (tabled): Pirst Encourier, Strike A-Polict, Brytner, Buerbon-Spirit, Anne Of Russia, Shantang Lad, Vicenge Floret.

E7.30. OF: 25.00. CSF: 211.23.
2.45 (6): 1. Solomous Nephew (J. Lottl., 5-4 tay): 2. Seetchy Gen (12-1): 3. For Ree (5-1): 14 ran. 2. 12: 1 J. Scarpel. Tota: 2.50; 21.80. E5.50, 23.10. OF: 2.50. CSF: 22.25. Sought in 17.000ges.
2.15 (100): 1. Internations (M. Sinch, 24 tay): 2. Cool Ecouph (5-1): 3. Fon. 13: 3. So Ecouph (5-1): 3. Fon. 13: 3. Fon. 4.45 (77) 1. Heckferth (L. Dettort, 3-1); 2. Champion Gri (14-1); 3, Gratusp (5-1); 14 ran, Tender Brd 5-2 fav, 2, 154; 3 Bethel. Tota: 23.40; 21.20, 23.70, 23.30, 09: 220.20, GSF; 244,74, Tripast; 2331.20.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Brighton, Edinburgi TUESDAY: Epsom, Sedge Porth. WEDNESDAY: Epocat, Catterick Bridge, Perth.
THURSDAY: Beverley, Ludlow.
Perth, Wincardon.
FRIDAY: Sandown Park, Carlisle.
Southwell, Taunton.
SATURDAY: Sandown Park
(mixed), Leicester, Ripon, Handan.
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(Flat meetings in bold)



# Rami to strengthen Guineas claim with Greenham victory

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

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(27,050: 61) (4)

(£3,080: 1m 4f) (9)

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MACHIAVELLIAN remains unopposed at the head of the 2,000 Guineas market but each-way backers have no shortage of alternatives. Tirol and Anshan became the latest 10 press their claims with victories at Newmarket this week, and the Singer & Friedlander Greenham Stakes at Newbury today should provide further food for thought.

Rami trained by Peter Walwyn, has already attracted plenty of ante-post interest, dropping from 33-1 to 14-1, and if he is to justify that support nothing less than victory here will be sufficient.

His price, it has to be admitted, is based largely on reputation and reports of ex-cellent home gallops. With only two runs behind him, he is the least experienced in the field. However, both hinted at

He began with a promising third to Alidiva, the winner of a good-class race at Kempton last Saturday, and Soy Roberto, previously second to Mukddaam, on his debut at Newmarket. Returning there some two weeks later, he confirmed the promise with a comfortable win from Gomariow.

Although that form is nothing out of the ordinary, Rami was not helped by having to race on his own on the stands' side for a large part of the race. There is every possibility that he would have produced extra with some company.

If Rami represents poten-tial, Rock City and Weiney stand for proven high-class that he remains in training 31b to my selection.

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Vintage Only. 2.45 Sharp N° Early. 3.15 Tatwij. 3.45 Native Flair. 4.15 Noble Fellow. 4.45 Great Chaddington. 5.15 Sarafia.

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2.15 Timeless Times, 2.45 Nucleon, 3.15 Tatwij, 3.45 Native Flair, 4.15 Noble Fellow, 5.15

Going: firm Draw: 51-8, high numbers beet

2.15 CLIFTON STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,898: 5f) (6

1 SCHALTH BOY 19 (LT) 3 Etherington 9-4... K Daviey 2
2 .11 TAMPLESS TIMES 5 (LT) W O'Gorman 2-4. A Manno 1
3 ! VestTAGE CONLYT (LT) 5 M H Estately 6-4... M Sinch 6
4 ! MISS EL ARAB 25 (LT) E Alaton 8-18... N'Carliete 4
5 !-FABRICTOUS 8 M W Esstately 8-11... J Lowe 3
5 ZOLLYS TREASURE M W Esstately 6-11... J Lowe 3
5-4 Vintage Crty, 6-4 Timeless Times, 9-6 Satalite Scy, 7-1
Ness 25 Arab, 10-1 Others.

1 3-39 ACCESS TRAVEL 7 (8,D,G,S) R Tions 4-0 Deep Micks

2 -114 WICLION 38 IDI W C'Gorman 48-0 All 3 08-3 SHARP W EARLY 5 (D.F.S) R Harmon 48-0 4 30-8 VAX LADY 5 (P.) J Spening 3-7-11

8-11 Sharp N' Endy, 9-2 Access Travel, 5-1 Nucleon, 8-1 Vex Lady.

3.15 BACK A WINNER BY-TRAIN CLASSIC TRIAL STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,222: 1m) (3)

1 188- LIFEWATCH WINTON 172 (7/Q) M Johnston S-8 2 129- JOING AL 172 (F) J Sough 8-12 W N Swiston 3 3 11- TATHUT 187 (S) H Thomson Jones 8-7 R 188- 1 4-6 Tebrig, 5-2 (Sing Al, 5-4 Lifewatch Visido).

3.45 COLIN MCKEEVER MEMORIAL HANDICAP



hopes for smart Romi form, Rock City was an emphatic winner of the July Stakes and the Gimerack Stakes before failing to get to grips with Machiavellian, grips with Machiavellian, being beaten three lengths, in the Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp. He clearly has plenty of pace, but there is a debate surrounding whether he may prove best as a sprinter. If he adapts to this straight seven furlongs, he can

be expected to go close. Welney won the Mill Reef Stakes over six furlongs here before finishing fourth to Dashing Blade in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket As Anshan was 142 lengths in front of Weiney at New-market, Weiney's running here should be informative.

Swordsmith are all useful, but victory for any of them would augur badly for the classic prospects of the other trio. Brash Aside, the one-time favourite for last year's Derby, can take the Lanes End John Porter Stakes. Although his two runs last year suggested

that opinion was, to say the

least, inflated, the very fact

Childrey, Montendre and.

with Henry Cecil suggests we have yet to see the best of him. Reports indicate he has been going well at home with Citidancer, second at Newmarket this week, and he can begin his four-year-old career on the right note. Charmer and Shellac, both

successful already this season, look the greatest dangers. However, for the nap I rely

on another Cecil charge. Belmez He already holds the rare distinction of being a 50-1 winner for his trainer, that being his price when he beat stable-companion Satin Wood, third to Elmaamul at Kempton last Saturday, at Newmarket last autumn. He can only improve and should take the Burghelere Stakes. In the William Hill Scottish

National at Ayr, Benanza Boy can defy top weight now that he has the soft ground in his favour. He can away with the Welsh National in similar conditions but found the fast going against him when un-placed in the Cheltenham Gold Cap and the Grand National. Boraceva, who comes here

from a busy recent schedule, is a thorough stayer who should give a good account of himself, but at longer odds Birling Jack is a lively each-way possibility.

Young Saugist deserves to win a decent race after gallant defeats at Cheltenham and Liverpool, and his opportunity may have come in the Edinburgh Woollen Mill's Future Champion Novices' Chase He jumps well and his trail-blazing style is always likely to stretch his opponents. Celtic Shot will be suited by the ground but has to concede

4.15 BYLAND MAIDEN MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (Div 1: 3-Y-C: £2,583; 1m) (14) MAGE SUPE PAST 212 A Lee 9-0 J Caid
WICTOROUS PRINCE M Presont 9-0 G Defin
WICTOROUS PRINCE M Presont 9-0 M General
BENNY TIME 7 J Ehronygon 8-9 M General
A Elso
HOBLE FELLOW 19 B Harbury 9-1 W R Swish
39 SOLO COURT 226 J Scarps 8-6 M R
50 COLFAX/AD714 J Pariss 8-5 K Fai
00 E FAR WICKET 77 J Berry 8-6 J Friction (
00 MACCOMACTRE 9 T Berron 8-5 M R
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4.45 THOMAS LORIO HANDICAP (22,616: 50) (13) S INC. BALIOM LEADER 212 (S.D.F.O) Army Fitzprofe 5-10-07 Desrin 2 SOLE CREAT CHADONICTION 7 (D.C.D.) J Berry 5-9-13 **\***01

6 99-4 LICERIED 12 (BLRS) J Speeding 6-8-8 (Blasses 8 -060 RESUCADA 7 (R.F.G) T Fathurst 4-8-13... 6 06-1 SINGING STAR 11 (F.) J Baiding 4-8-2... 8 We 7 -062 RHARDS STAR 11 (R.F) W Halpin 5-6-4 R Lupp 8 06-0 RELIEVICE MAC 7 in Bycroft 4-7-7... 8 We 9 0-06- SELEVICE MAC 7 in Bycroft 4-7-7... 8 We 10 06-0 RIM FOR JOYCE 5-3 Baiding 4-7-7... Chairs B 11 -006- JACK BOY 183 (G.) J Baiding 5-7-7... A W

13 DEG MY SERVISHADE 16 (7) P Boxon 6-7-7..... N Grelland 5 7-2 Singing Star, 4-1 Hineri Hi Fi, 5-1 Denhem Green, 5-1 Orest Chaddington, 8-1 Balton Leader, 10-1 others. 5.15 BYLAND MAIDEN MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,584: 1m) (14)

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2 FRANCISCAN 18 W Peace 8-8. D Ref.
5 RANTON LEAP T Barron 8-8. Alex Greenes
4 B- RATHANDEN NOUSE 180 R Boss 8-5
Dose McKee
5 20-5 SASSTAL 5 B Himbury 6-5. W R Switz
2-4 A Mc er states Santal will rus only if evernight cain

2-1 Saretta, 7-2 Sestrat, 5-1 Leven Baby, 5-1 Franciscer il Victor, Transiticani, 10-1 Trium's Based, 12-1 others. Course specialists TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 12 winners from 38 runners, 30.8%; L Cameni, 5 from 17, 29.4%; R Amstrong, 6 from 25, 23.1%; B Hashury, 4 from 30, 20.0%; M H Essenby, 35 from 294, 16.2%; R Johnson Houghton, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

ADDIE: H Has, 12 winners from 59 fishes, 20.7%; Deep Alcohoown, 15 from 96, 15.6%; M Birch, 31 from 216, 14.4%; N Commons, 15 from 96, 15.6%; M Birch, 31 from 216, 14.4%; N Alcohoown, 15 from 115, 13.0%; A Commons, 3 from 22, 12.5%; A Munro, 5 from 48, 10.4%.

Deen McKeever 8 305 BANGER MASON S D Yeomen 4-7-10 — A Meson 1 6 3252 GLASTONDALE 5 (0.F.G) T Burno 4-7-10 G Hand St 4 3-1 Circuit Ring, 7-2 Positively Great, 5-1 Glastondale, 7-1 Bold Republic, 5-1 Native Flair, 10-1 others.

plot isoboling yearning's county CHASE (Final: £6,872: 3m 2f) (6) I HUFO IDEANT OF TO PLOUS O SHARWOOD 7-12-0 A SSMILE(7) Selections -By Mandarin

2.15 Beekman Street. 2.45 Peristyle. 3.15 Knight Oil. 3.45 Sanballat. 4.15 Badrakhani. 4.45 Snowy Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Sanballat. Going: good to firm (good in places) CHASE (Amateurs: £1,688: 2m 6f) (13)

2.15 YOUNG STAYERS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,590: 2m 6f) (7 runners) 7 6532 MR DORMOUSE 42 (V) C W Grey 10-10. S Knightley

5-2 Cookstown Lad, 3-1 Seekmant Street, 4-1 Man For All ason, 6-1 Mr Dormoose, 8-1 Flying Junction, 10-1 others. 2.45 ILMINGTON FILLIES SELLING HURDLE

(£1,702: 2m) (11) and the second second

1 211 PERSTYLE 15 (P) M Pipe 11-8 G. Smothey
2 213 ESTONNA 21 (D,F) N Tribler 11-3 M HB
3 60 BELFIL 27 K Morgan 10-12 SWelphiley
4 00P EASTER LASS 9 (b) New A Reside 10-12 Weshin (3)
5 FUP4 KATICA 35 D McCain 10-12 Mr D McCair (7)
6 0 (CEEP WALTZING 28 N Smoth 10-12 C Rosen (7)
7 PS LITTLE REID FLOWER 14-F Jordan 10-12 J Lodder (3)
8 8 MCMARABULES 3F R Hollinshed 10-12 D Gallagher
9 PU RELIVE 9 J ERGHT 10-12 S Amobil (7)
10 0P TEACLOTH 67 R Ecidey 10-12 S Amobil (7)
11 TRACE OF INCOMY SIP MAYS A Knight 10-12 G Knight

1-2 Peristyle, 7-2 Estonia, 6-1 Belfil, 10-1 Katica, 16-1 Little Fied Flower, 20-1 column.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Alcohurst, 9 winners from 21 runners, 42.9%; N Tinkler, 6 from 15, 48.0%; C Brooks, 4 from 12, 33.3%; N Henderson, 20 from 68, 23.4%; J Edwards, 15 from 55, 27.3%; J Basser, 3 from 11, 27.5%.

ian owner Dino di Paolo, whose Tisserand won the 1983 Italian Derby

3.15 BET WITH THE TOTE HOVICES HANDICAP

9 3151 DOCKTYNDS EGMENS SI (L'OTA) K Pro-3-10-3 7 Aprile 10-3 4 0082 ALTUMA SPORT 46 (F,O) J Edwards 9-10-0

S ESTP COMENY MAISH 15 (F) R Holder 7-10-0 P R 6 PSIZ BARA PEG 44 (8) 7 Jones 9-10-0 A 8-4 Docklands Express, 5-2 Johns Birthday, 5-1 Knight Oil, 8-1 Automa Sport, 12-1 Bara Peg, 14-1 Comedy Besin. 3.45 BAULKING GREEN TROPHY HUNTER 1 DECH SAMBALLAT S. JF. S) D Nicholson 8-12-7

2 PSP - ANOTHER VULGAN 355 W South 9-12-0... J Smith (7) 3 - BLIS CALDER BRIDGE 7 (8) C Forty 9-12-0... P Roberts (7) 4 PASY BRKY BAY 71F D Shorey 9-12-0....... J Philabert (7) 5 F ITS NEARLY TRIE 51 Mrs R Brackenbury 7-12-0. P Hacking (3) 8 1 MICHAC EXPRESS \$2 (9) Mrs L Syckelmore 7-12-0
8 Hamilton in ACE 2 (9) Mrs L Syckelmore 7-12-0
8 Hamilton In 7 -DFS RANDOM PLACE 7 (S) R Cabow 8-12-0 8 -UPD WALK IN RHYTHIN 5 (S) HIS A PRES 9-72-0 9 04- SEMAS 227 Pate Nicholes 9-11-9 ........................ A Fact 10 -5/3 84/00 GEORGE 22 (8,5) Mrs C Jacobsky 9-11-9

(1) DAYS FREED CHANCE 15 F Tucker 9-11-9 Mins P Carling (7)
12 DAY MIGHT PRY 1411 Miss S PRongton 9-11-9 13 SSF- THAMES AIR 559 Mrs S Richardson 10-11-9 4-5 Suntwist, 7-2 Calder Bridge, 4-1 Mic-Mac Express, 6-1 Bernes, 14-1 Field Chance, 16-1 Others. 4-15 FIRST NATIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,784: 2m) (4) 

4.45 WELFORD MANDICAP CHASE (22,784: 2m) 1 1025 THE A TRAIN 14 (D.G.S.) His J Plenso 8-11-13 2 -123 SAMMINGE 126 (D.C.S) D Historison 7-11-1 ... J White 3 3941 - WITH GOOS HELP 7 (D.F.G) C Brooks 6-10-13. Sr. J Declara (7) 4 -252 SMOWY SONDLARS 9 (D.F.G.S) D Marry Smith 11-10-7 P Verling (3).

11-10 The A Train, 7-4 With Gods Help, 5-1 Snowy ndiair, 12-1 Bendridge.

THE TIMES RACING SERVICE Lord John FitzGerald gained his first success of the season when the odds-on Bellerofonte. thort-headed Sports Post Lady in the Briton Maiden Stakes at Thirsk yesterday. FitzGerald mains Bellerofonte for the Ital-

and classified results Call 0898 500 123 and rapid results Call 0898 100 123

Selections By Mandarin By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.00 BELMEZ (nap). 2.00 Belmez. 2.30 Fedoria. 3.00 Rami. 2.30 ROSE GLEN (nap). 3.00 Welney, 3.30 He De Nisky, 3.30 Brush Aside. 4.00 Pressure. 4.00 Choir Leader. 4.30 Star Connection. By Michael Seety 2.00 Belmez, 3.00 Rami, 5.00 RAZEEN (nap),

Draw: high numbers have slight advantage up to 1m straight 2.0 BURGHCLERE STAKES (3-Y-O: 26,940: 1m 3f) (6 runners)

\$12- ACCESS SUN 165 (F) (Mas E D Willerns) R Soss 8-13.

1- BELMEZ 198 (G) (Shelit Mohammad) H Cacel 8-13.

231- U.E. DOROMA 2013 (S) (Shelit Mohammad) G Wrace 8-13.

3-1. NORTHERN HAL 19 (F) (Mrs R Weden) P Webuyn 8-13. 79 91 75 9-11 WARM REPLING 42 (R Upton) B Hills 8-13... 4 MY ADMERAL, 19 (W Grubmiller) C Wall 8-9 ... W Lord BETTING: 4-5 Beimez, 4-1 Access Sun, 5-1 Northern Hal, 8-1 No De Roma, 16-1 Warm Feeling, 25-1 My

FORM FOCUS ACCESS SUM all cet to be Name of the good, Clark to Improve. ILE DE 11, AW), including 101 delease ROMA best King's Shilling 21 at Ayr (1m, sold). 2.30 PHILIP CORNES SPRING CUP HANDICAP (£11,925: 1m round)

FORM FOCUS SILK PETAL 41 3rd to Morn at Newmarket (1m., good to sott) with VAGUE SHOT classification when 3%1 3rd to Highest Presse at Newmarket (1m., good to sott) with VAGUE SHOT classification (7i, yielding to soit) less time. Scope for improvement. Sime out.

PRESE OF ARABY best-Crown Creek by-4 at Assot (1m. 21, good to firm) letter. Likely to improve.

OTTERGAYLE took this race lest term, beeing Beau Sher 3 (good to soit) with VAGUE SHOT (25) better oil) 41 5th, and OTTERGAYLE (Golden Beau 21 at Newmarket (1m., good to soit) on 3.0 SINGER & FRIEDLANDER GREENHAM STAKES (Group Ut: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £21,087: 7f str) (6 runners)

FORM FOCUS CHILDREY beases [Several when 15] and of 8 to Enhanced at Laisanter (7), good to firm). It and of 8 to Enhanced at Laisanter (7), good to firm). SWORDSARTH ran on to beat firm), SEONTENTIFIE beat Courts This or York (55, good to firm). SWORDSARTH ran on to beat firm), May improve. RAME confortable Tike witners (7), WELNEY beat Sometingdifferent 154 here 65.

ROCK CITY won tive times at two, including 194 5 **Selections** By Mandarin

4.05 Bonanza Boy. 4.40 Dwadme. 2.20 General Chandos. 2.55 Rambo Castle. 5.10 Secret Brae. 5.40 Ruling. 3.25 Young Snugfit. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.05 BORACEVA.

Brian Beel's selection: 5.10 Secret Brae. Guide to our in-line racecard 103 (12) 0-8032 GOOD TIMES 74 (COLEF,F.O.S) (Mrs. D Robinson) B Half 9-10-0 Research number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F - tell. P - pulled up. U - unseeted rider. B - boaten favourite in salest race). Going on which norse has won B - brought down. S - sixped up. R - refused. C - good to string, hard. G - good to bring, hard. G - good to string, hard. G - good in suring: J F purpes, F # first. (B - bishers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft 2.20 ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £4.240; 2m 4f) 

Long handicap: Mandray 9-13, Unex-plained 9-12, Reisabilion 9-6, Black Spur 9-4, BETTING: 7-2 Mandray, 9-2 Tartan Tailor, 6-1 Cool Strike, Generally Right, 8-1 Raise An Argur seral Chandos, 10-1 Fingest, Unex-Plained, 12-1 Foyle Fisherman, Observer Corps, 14-1 others. 1969: PLIKKA MAJOR 8-11-7 R Dunwoody (11-8 fav) T Thomson Jones 4 ran

2.55 SEAGRAM 100 PIPERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Handicep hurdle: 4-Y-O: £7,245: 2m) (11 runners) SSSE21 HOUYAN 3F (D.F) (Deriam Racing) R Simpson 12-0
 312115 CORNET 15 (V.C.S) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 11-12—
 143 RAMBO CASTLE 30F (D.S) (P Miccart) N Timider 11-5—
 143 TAY AWAKE 43 (D.F.G.S) (A Donnelion) J J C'Niell 10-9—
 14523 JOE BUMPAS 5F (D.F) (N' Spinit) T Barron 10-7—
 14623 NON PERMANENT 49 (D.S) (Surrese Racing) P Biockley 10-6—
 32255 THRD 30N 43 (Nrs M Barrier) J Jefferson 10-5—
 14624 VALLANT DASH 45 (D.F) (S Orchard) S Rottlewell 10-2—
 032 CELTIC SHOY 11 (St Andrews Lot) P Mitchell 10-1—
 145224 NESSFIELD 5 (Royston Racing Club) K Morgen 10-6—
 Long bandicape Nessfield 9-7.
 BETTING: 3-1 Cornet, 4-1 Cettic Shoy, 5-1 Rouyen, 6-1 Rambo Cesti W Morris 86
...... C Greet 80
..... G McCourt 86
..... R Supple 94
. R Durwoody 87
..... S J C'Nelli 9 98

BETTING: 3-1 Cornet, 4-1 Celtic Shoy, 5-1 Rouyen, 6-1 Rembo Cestie, 6-1 Stay Awake, 10-1 Jo mpas, Vallant Desh, 12-1 Non-Permanent, Third Son, 16-1 others. 1969: SERDU 16-13 C Dennis (4-1) D Molfath 4 ran

FORM FOCUS ROUVAN tailed off on the start of STAY AWAKE pushed out to best Sleepline Royale and is less exposed than 21 at Warwick (2m, soft). JOE BUMPAS 41 2nd to Selection: CELTIC BHOY

3.25 EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL'S FUTURE CHAMPION NOVICES CHASE (Feature race: £13,804: 2m) (13 runners) 1 315F44 ANTIHOUS 15 (CD,F,G,S) (1,F,Col R Warden) M H Easterby 6-11-13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E Wee - 86
2 1112F5 CELTIC SHOT 39 (BF,G,S) (D Hornon) C Brooke 8-11-13 \_\_\_\_\_\_ G McCoart • 99
3 F11222 YOUNG SELURIT 15 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Poymon) O Sherwood 6-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ J Oaborne - 95
4 24212F ARTON EIDPRESS 83 (C,G,S) (J Festherstone) G Moore 7-11-7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ P Neven 76
5 11-221P FOR THE GRAIN 39 (D,F,G,S) (H Joel) D Nicholson 6-11-7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ R Dismoody 63
8 211147 GREENHEART 5 (D,F,G) (Morely Stud) W A Stephenson 7-11-7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ C Greet 78
7 444310 INTERIAL LB 36 (C,S) (H Henderson) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ B Sterey 50
8 P-PS111 MERCURRIE 71 (CD,S) (Mrs A Floberson) D Roberson 6-11-7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ B Sterey 50
9 111114 HIGHERITH 37 (D,G,S) (H Cavendish) G Richards 7-11-6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ B Sterey 50
9 111114 HIGHERITH 37 (D,G,S) (H Cavendish) G Richards 7-11-6 \_\_\_\_\_\_ B Sterey 50
11 1-4P022 MASTER BALEBRAIN 25 (BF,F) (J Walton) F Walton 7-11-3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Peter Hobbs 70
11 14-9022 MASTER BALEBRAIN 25 (BF,F) (J Walton) F Walton 7-11-3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ B J Orlean 51
12 125-15F SAWDUST JACK 63 (B,D,S) (S Brawen) M W Easterby 6-11-3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ B G BETTING: 5-2 Young Shagilt, 7-2 Cakic Shot, 8-2 Authouss, 6-1 Greenheart, Aston Express, 8-1 Highrith, 10-1 For The Grein, 12-1 Sawdust Jack, 14-1 oahers.
1809-SOUTHERN MINISTHEL 6-11-13 C Grant (5-4 fev) W A Stephenson 7 ran

- 1989: SOUTHERN MINSTREL 6-11-13 C Grant (5-4 fev) W A Stephenson 7 ran FORM FOCUS CELTIC SHOT has ground in his favour and has strong claims judged on 2% 2nd to Sabri and ARTINOUS on today's easer surface. ASTOM DU Lor at Critisarham (2m 4t, good) in January. Young Shulgert had ARTINOUS (same terms) to back in 4th when a head 2nd in Bouzziaroli at Liverpool (2m, firm) leases; previously weekened on fact when 1 143 3zt to Connectoment at Cholenchiam (2m, good to firm) with ARTINOUS (4th), CELTIC REGISTROSS and FOR THE GRAIN (pulled up) behind.

**Course specialists** 

G McCourt N Doughty Mr J Bracio S Turner L Wyer B Stoney M W Easte G Moore N Tinkler G Richards M H Easterby Mrs G Revelop

3.30 LANES END JOHN PORTER STAKES (Group III: £25,815: 1m 4f) BETTING: 3-1 Brush Aside, 7-2 Charmer, 4-1 Per Quod, 6-1 Husyan, 8-1 Albadt, 10-1 others.

TIME USE UNEADN 4-5-18 W Carrion (4-0 tor) W Harm 7 ran FORM FOCUS ALBADR lightly raced last larm; beat libring recording to the process of the process

4.0 BRIDGET MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £4.119: 71 str) (24 runners) BALLETA (K Abdulin) R Charlton 8-11.

CELIBACY (C St. George) M Coci 8-11.

CHARRING (Mrs R Kennerd) P Wahyin 8-11.

CHERRING (Mrs J Bradford) J Dunlop 8-11.

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CHOR LEADER (R McAulay) B Hanbury 8-11.

CHURCH MISSIONARY (The Queen) W Hassings-Bass 6 507 (14) 508 (22) 508 (5) 510 (24) 511 (1) 512 (19) 513 (2) DONNA KATRINA (Mrs & Wood) R Hamon 8-11 B Rosse EMPRESS OF CANADA (Howerd Beauton) S Dow 8-11 L Dettori FAR FROM HOME (7 Holland-Martn) R Johnson Houghton 8-11. W Newses FAR FROM NOME (F PROMPA-GHZAALH (H AH-Maidoum) W Harm 8-11. LA STIPENDA (T Binckwell) W Jarvs 8-11. LOCAL LASS (A Notmen) C British 8-11. IAMD OF HONOR (Arts R Krit) I Baiding 8-11. MODEL, VILLAGE (Shelich Mohammed) B Hills MAJBAH (H AH-Maidoum) J Dunkop 8-11. 514 (21) NAJIMAH (H Al-Maicoum) J Duniop 8-11 R Cockmon NDT GUTTE FRIEE (P Callard) L Not 8-11 N Adems PHARSIOFI (R Laro) C Sensian 8-11 T Williams PRESSURE (C St. George) H Cocl 8-11 S Carothen RIVER NOMAD (F Selman) P Cole 8-11 T Glan RIVER NOMAD (F Selman) P Cole 8-11 T Williams SCREEBLING (K Abdulla) J Gooden 8-11 W Ryan SO BOLD (D Nodges) R Noter 8-11 J Williams SON ET LIMBERS (The Cusen) I Satisfa 8-11 S C'Edeman (5) WALAYAH (H Al-Maidoum) C Bensteed 8-11 S C'Edeman (5) Pressure, 3-1 Baddes, 5-1 Ghzanth, 6-1 Cheertul Note, 12-1 Far From Home, 16-1 Others.

UNINE'S MADDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O filles: \$3,477: 5f) (7 runners) ction, 4-1 Rince Deas, 13-2 Zonina, 8-1 Bijou Re 1886 NOBLE MATCH 8-17 J Mastries (5-2 (1-law) | Building 12 no

OMP	TON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,486: 1m str) (27 runners)		
(22)	ABSOLATUM (T Melci) P Howing B-0	T Williams	_
(4)	ANTAGONIST (Mrs S Prowse) B Milinga 9-0	P D'ARDI	-
(2)	6- BEAU ROU 177 (P Goutendris) D Elsworth 9-0	G Carter	-
(125	CHATEAUNEUF 188 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0		_
(10)	60- DBIPLE STAR 252 (A Wix) S Dow 9-0	Paul Eddary	_
m	GADABOUT (K Abdulla) R Charlion 9-0	Pat Eddaru	-
(13)	# GREY OWL 168 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosdan 9-0	B Revmond	
(26)	IONPHOFIA (Dame Eisabeth Csaky) C Wikiman 9-0	A McGione	-
(16)	LEGAL FANTASY (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 9-0	S Horsfall	_
(16)	LODGING Bars G Fanel J Bethell 9-0	T Quinte	_
(23)	35- LONGDRUM 273 (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 9-0	W Rvan	
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(4)	RAZEEN (Sheith Mohammed) H Cool 9-0	S Contbes	_
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A marathon is on its mettle for its tin anniversary

en years ago, running the streets in pursuit of fitness meant running the gauntlet of schoolboy abuse. The schoolbova are not so interested in poking fun any more: they just look at you and sume you are training for the London Marathon. We are no

longer eccentrics, but heroes. The London Marathon has become a modern classic, one to mention in the same breath as the Cup Final, Wimbledon, the Grand National and the Open Championship. And yet it is only nine years old. The tenth birthday party tomorrow will be bigger than most

birthday parties.
Some 34,000 guests have been invited into London's living-room; millions more will be peeping through the window of television, or standing in the corridor which takes the runners 26 miles 385 yards from Greenwich to

For those who finish, there will be an inscribed medal to mark an occasion never to be forgotten. You feel like what John Barnes must feel when he flies down the wing at Anfield; or like Boris Becker after he has set up championship point at SW19. Every spectator is urging

Hugh Jones, the great British trier of this event - first, second, third and fourth in his four London Marathons — lives in the capital.

"It's a beautiful city which makes a perfect friend for the whole race," he said this week. At six miles, the Cutty Saric; at 12 miles, Tower Bridge; at 22 miles, St Katharine's by the Tower; at 25 miles, the Mall and Birdcage Walk; past Big Ben and over Westminster Bridge to the Mars bars and the space blankets.

"I knew from that first race that this was going to be one of the best races in the world," Dick Beardsley, the joint winner of the inaugural race in 1981, said. From some 6,000 finishers that year, the number pushing their bodies beyond reasonable endurance steadily grew to 22,000 in 1989. Some 25,000 are expected to be crowding out Jubilee Gardens under the watch of County Hall tomorrow.

At Anfield you cannot kick in with Peter Beardsley or Ian Rush but at the London Marathon you can be warming up when suddenly you see Douglas Wakiihuri, or Ingrid Kristiansen, doing the same. Without empathy was the voice that said: "Some people talk about being involved in running as if they think of it as the same as the commitment shown by a top athlete. They are not the same thing. Think of it like ham and eggs. The chicken is involved but the pig

is committed." marathon; for it does require commitment, whether you are running it in two hours or five; commitment to train in the rain and the dark of December, never to miss a workout; to run into the hill instead of away from it; to make it hurt time and again before the day

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Those who have tried it know the benefits. As Bill Rogers, winner of big city marathons in Boston and New York, said: "Every time I

finish a workout I feel good. If I added. work out twice a day, I feel twice as If yo

The benefit to charity has been immeasurable. Chris Brasher, the race director since its inception, said: "It is impossible to assess accurately the total amount that has been raised over the years, but our best estimate, based on sample surveys, is that it is somewhere between £35 million and £55

Any surplus the marathon shows goes towards the provision of recreational facilities to improve the quality of life for the citizens of London. "So far, in nine years, our governors have made grants exceeding £600,000," Brasher

If you want to know what the ishop said to the actress, try being in Greenwich Park for an hour or two before the gun fires at 9.30 tomorrow morning. There you may see two bishops, those of Southampton and Ripon, and Su-san Tully, alias Michelle from

It is that sort of event: world record holders, comedians and politicians all on one stage. Tally thinks she will not be recogized because she will have a hat on. She had better think again. They know how to spot people, these those London Marathon watchers.

The running boom precipitated

kilometre races. The rosy cheeks worn by the progeny of the boom, such as the British Association of Road Races and the Star Rank Hot 100 series, underline the effect that the London Marathon, sp. this year by ADT, has had.

There will always be those who say they were saving their best marathon for the following week. But London deals mainly with satisfied customers. If cliches can be coined after less than a decade, the modern classic has managed it: "There are no losers in London - everyone is a winner," Brasher says. You can never say that after 90

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Man with something extra

little bit of Barnes Wailis must have rubbed off on Chris Brasher when he interviewed the aviation inventor for a BBC documentary. The invention which Brasher came up with 10 years ago has had thousands flying on his tail ever since: the number who run the London Marathon increases yearly and a letter of rejection can be as depressing as your community charge bill.

Brasher never set world records as an Olympic athlete but his race

It is impossible to say how many miles are run every day just because Brasher got it into his head that the human race can be one joyous family, working together, laughing together, achieving the impossible. Your correspondent alone has run probably 15,000 miles since obeying Brasher's command. After he ran the New York Marathon of 1979 he determined that London should have a similar festival and people of every size, shape, background and profession have re-

sponded to his call. Even before the London Marsthon, Brasher was described by Mel Watman, the doyen of British athletics reporting, as "an inspiration to all". Watman wrote in the Encyclopaedia of Athletics. "For years he was simply a capable middle-distance runner who appeared to lack that extra something." Whatever that something was. Brasher went and got it: in 1956 he became Olympic steeple-

All that Brasher asks now is that

those who are given his precious marathon places - and for every acceptance this past decade there has been a rejection - find their own extra something. If you do not, you are not a marathon runner. There is a huge and deep satisfaction from tilting at the impossible and succeeding," he says.

Almost 20 years passed between his first notion to run a marathon and the act itself. As a journalist covering the 1960 Olympic Games, he saw two barefoot Africans leading. "I wrote my story and realized that you could not know anything about this event until you had experienced it," he recalls. to it in New York. It turned out to be America's biggest sporting export to Britain.

Brasher has much to thank athletics for. "I had a stutter at school and my success at running did a great deal to give me confidence, and with confidence the stutter disappeared," he says. The favour has been returned.

"It made me angry that; in our golden age of British middledistance running, the world could

Cram, yet we had no stadfum ir which to put the sort of race the deserved. The one place we cpu stage something of world signi cance in athletics was on 1 roads." If significance is measure in spectators, Brasher scores that point.

On leaving Rugby School. first job was for an electric engineering company. They spo ted his talent. "I was the ruther the works bookie." After graduat ing from Cambridge, he became junior executive for Mobil Oil. Ir the rare position of being Moscow as a competitor for athletics match, he wrote for it. company magazine an artica which ended up in The Guardiar

A journalist's career was born. His marathon, he is sure, will live long after him. "It is now strong tudes or problems. It will go in wel-after I am ashes. In the hext 26 after I am ashes. In the years the women will run under 2h

20min and the men under 2205. And people will continue 1 recall Brasher's words from h 1979 article: "It is mad for a overweight middle-aged matron attempt the toughest event in 1 athletic calendar. And yel the men and young boys dome

HOCKEY

# Surbiton may regret misses | Gibson to take on

CHELMSPORD'S subtle varialthough McGrath's aim was

attnough McGrath's aim was true, Wiggins, in Chelmsford's goal, saved well.

Chelmsford, who had sur-vived the early storm, began a steady build-up in midfield and forced a short corner in the 21st ations of pace and direction earned them a creditable 3-2 victory over Surbiton in the inter-league play-offs at Solihull yesterday, but they were made to hang on grimly to their advantage as Surbiton tried minute, from which the ball was cleverly transferred to David Heelis, who scooped it into the

desperately to save the match. There is still a long way to go in this round-robin series which Both Bowerman and Jolly ends tomorrow, but Surbiton may have cause to regret the number of chances they missed. continued to make inroads into the Cheimsford defence, but Despite their territorial superiority and stronger runthree minutes before half-time Chelmsford struck again. Habib, the Surbiton goalkeeper, saved well from Stubbings and then conceded a penalty stroke for obstruction. Adrian Heelis ning, they were two goals down at the interval.

A slip in the Chelmsford defence put Jolly into a position to score into an open goal as early as the tenth minute, but his Eight minutes into the second half Chelmsford increased their lead, with Heelis following up to

shot went astray.

The next chance for Surbiton

YACHTING

America's Cup

# Hounslow must rejoin battle with Slough

challenger from Japan From Barry Pickthall Gamegori, Japan THE America's Cup has been

beached in the New York courts row (Sydney Friskin writes).
To do that, Hounslow, the new league champions, will have to get past Slough, by whom they were held goalless in for two years and unless a judgment on the final appear against San Diego's controver-sial catamaran victory is made on Thursday, three more will go by before the next contest. This delay has cut deeply into e operations of most challeng-

the operations of most chi nable to attract the £20 million in sponsorship required to transform plans into reality, construction has been halted on the Danish yacht and the French

has so far failed to draw any support for theirs.

The only exceptions are in Italy and Japan — the latter unveiling its 75ft yacht tomor-row at a purpose-built America's Cup base here.

Thirty sponsors have each contributed 100 million yen (£366,300) towards capturing a cup that could provide untold

in qualifying for the European Cup Winners' Cup final in Frankfurt on June 3, is followed by their ambition to seize the last of the season's domestic prices, the Poundstretcher League Cup, the semi-finals of which are to be played tomor-

whom they were held goalless in the League match on March 10 at Fettham School, where a short corner, fiercely struck by Barber for Slough in the last minute, just failed to materialize.

Chris Maskery, the Slough captain, on recalling the in-cident, said: "The battle will be resumed at the same place from enced enough not to be where he left off."

Slough's rearguard is strength-ened by the return of Davatwal. able to secure the services of Hazitt for this match. However, they have a trump card in Rob. Thompson, whose 13 goals in four matches last weekend at May 6.

East Grinstead entertain Hav-ant, recent winners of the Nationwide Anglia Cup, at Old Walcountians ground, near Banstead, in the other semifinal, hoping to obliterate the memory of the 3-2 defeat in the League match on September 17

from Stubbings.
The Surbiton goal had a narrow escape in the fiftieth

minute when Aldridge scooped the ball over the top from a short corner which Chelmsford had earned from a breakaway.

Surbiton, however launched a strong counter-offensive and were finally rewarded when Molloy scored seven minutes before the end. With two min-

utes to go, Surbiton forced a short corner from which Francis

CHELINGTONE: K Wiggler, J Mint, N Benjay, A Neave, K Collins, J Aldridge, A Smith, A Heels, D Harvie (sub: R Saublings), D Kishiner, D Heels.

SAMETON NIMED DOWNERS SHOW

two goals down to win 3-2 in the last 30 seconds and Richard Leman, the East Grinstead cap-tain, said yesterday: "I am hoping that it will be the other way around this time."

The brilliant form shown by Havant in their 3-0 defeat of Stourport in the Cup Final at Luton on April 8, should be a disquieting thought for East Grinstead, but they are experi-

Both teams will be at full strength, with East Grinstead once again relying on van Asselt their centre forward from The

# TENNIS

# Adams in the final

with pushy parents, who are prepared to give their children private lessons, are getting on the ladder early and not getting

THE unseeded Giles Gibson and Nick Adams, the No. 3 seed, will meet in the boys' singles final of the Prodential hardcourt champiouships at Wimbledon and on the production of Wimbledon today. In theory, the match should be played outdoors on clay over five sets.

Hand in hand to a historic first: Beardsley and Simonson finishing together in the 1981 London Marathon

decide.

The girls' singles has gone rather more to form, Sarah Bentley and Virginia Humphreys-Davies justifying their positions as the first two seeds.

Gibson's victory over the No. I seed, Andrew Foster, who was still recovering from his marathon quarter-final against Miles Maclagan, has given his coach Mark Cox a tricky conflict of loyalties.

of loyalties.

Cox has been working with

Gibson for much of the winter, and would naturally like to watch his charge in the final, but he is due to fly to Florida today to play in the Reminaton Inter-national family team champion-

ships with his son Steven. Cox has been a familiar figure at Wimbledon this week. Hands thrust deep into the packets of his anorak, flat cap pulled down over his brow, he has looked like a trainer casting a critical eye over his stable on a winter's

In a sense, he is tennis's equivalent — paid by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to pick out the best of British yearlings and make sure they get the training they need to become true thorougi

The role has given the former Cambridge man, who was always more radical than his background might suggest, strongly critical views on the structure of national junior competition and, in particular, the contentious issue of the proposed abolition of the under-16 titles.

Cox feels that too much

competition hinders rather than

helps the development of our best juniors. There is no reason

why there shouldn't be under-16

tournaments but the problem is

the chormous significance at-tached to them," Cox said.
"At the moment, youngsters

You don't just need competition: you need the right competition. We have to be more flexible. We need our best players to come on quicker than they are at the moment." On those grounds, Cox would have been delighted with the performance of Maclagan who, at the age of 15, lost to Foster, two years his senior, only 12-10 in the shield senior.

maybe aren't getting the right results at the right time, are getting disillusioned with the

game and turning to other

becomes the prime concern, when it would actually do the

players more good to risk them-selves at a higher level. They might just find they can survive."

Cox, the LTA's national train-

ing co-ordinator, admits that his views have changed over the past few years. "Not long ago, I would have said: "Yes, more

competition'. But so many

matches in tournaments over the summer are won 6-0, 6-1; it's a waste of time for winner and

"Playing within an age group

in the third set. Even more so because his own protege, Gib-son, was able to take advantage of the defending champion's Adams continued his good

form of the year by beating Essex county colleague, John Barron, also in straight sets, to set up a fixed with Gibson, which promises to be a contrast in physique as much as style. 

# **Deeside** holds a clear lead

By a Special Correspondent PLAYERS from the north-east of Scotland continued to domithird round of the Krystal Klear Scottish assistants' champ-iouship at Cruden Bay

The Deeside trio of Kenny Walker, of Kings Links, Paul Lawrie, of Banchory, and Lee Vannet, of Ballater, had been to the fore since the opening day, and with a breeze again blowing over the Buchan course, it was perhaps no coincidence that they remained out in front.

However, in a remarkable turnaround, it was Lawrie, aged 21, who finished fourth on the assistants. Order of Meril last year, who edged ahead of his playing partner Walker, the former world junior champion, who had turted the day with a who had started the day with a three-shot advantage.

Lawrie quickly reduced that lead to only two with a birdie at the relatively casy 3rd hole, a 286-yard par four, and then added two further birdies on the front half, at the 8th and 9th, to be out in a splendid 33.

Eight straight pars followed on the way back, with the only blemish on his card coming, somewhat ironically, at the last, where he dropped a shot. For all that, a 68 left him on 208, two under per and two ahead of Walker, who shot a disappointing 73. Vannet, a former British boys' champion, was four shots further back after a round of 72. further back after a round of 72.

LEAGING THERD HOUND SCORES: 200: P
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(Glenbervie), 78, 78, 68: G Colinson
(Windyhill), 75, 78, 72, 218: A Forrow
(Haggs Gestal) 74, 71, 74, 222: M McLama
(Longhidry), 73, 75, 72, 221: S MoGregor
(Glesgow), 77, 78, 71, 222: S Liddel
(Marrayshall), 73, 78, 71; C Neison
(Hatleheed), 74, 73, 75.

Jim Milligan, whose last experience of matchplay golf was when guaranteeing victory for Great Britain and Ireland in the Walker Cup last year, will lead an experienced Scottish team in a two-day international against Italy in Venice today.

# Money talks and . talks and talks From Patricia Davies, Madrid

MONEY, money, money, in-evitably, remained the big talk-ing point on the second day of the Madrid Open at Puerta de Hierro yesterday, as Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion, seemed certain to miss the cut, while Bernhard Langer, Rodger Davis, John Hawks-worth and Magnus Sunesson shared the lead on 137, seven under par. José-Maria Olazabal, involved, apparently, in nego-tiations concerning his appear-ance, or otherwise, at the Spanish Open next week, was on

Ballesteros shot 70 for 146 and his demise would not please anybody, for, as Davis, the worldly Australian, pointed out, the Spaniard is one of the few players in the world worth paying to appear in a tour-nament. The others, who would, in Davis's eyes, actually bring people in through the gate, are Greg Norman, Jack Nicklaus, still, and, possibly, Lee Trevino and Nick Faldo. "Faldo's certainly getting there," Davis said. "He's getting a following and off the coultry has a political and the course he's making great

Davis himself was in favour of "putting all the money in the pot, like the German Open is doing this year. I think the

ROME - The American challenger, Pearl Sinn, was safely in

leader board when rain brought play to a halt in the second round of the Valextra Classic at the Olgiata course yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Sinn, the 1988 US amateur champion, displayed a silken touch on the greens as she fashioned a round of 68 for a one under par aggregate of 14!, one stroke clear of Florence Descampe from Belgium.
The British professionals,
Dale Reid (68), Kitrina Douglas
(71) and Maureen Garner (69), stroke further behind. Sinn turned professional last August but failed by an agonizing one

European tour is being slightly held back, prize money-wise, because appearance fee figures are getting ridiculous. If you have to pay, pay just one person, not six or seven. Only one can win the tournament.

"What people are missing also is that the players have to play. They have to play in Europe to fulfill certain contracts and with Nick and Bernhard turning in their cards in America, they'll have to play more here. If six or seven tournaments made a stand, we could have a problem with the managers," he said.

Davis, who himself accepts money to play, is, nevertheless, against the concept and has another way of making money.

another way of making money."
He and a Sydney syndicate of three friends have put £1,000 each way on him to win the Volvo order of merit at 33-1.

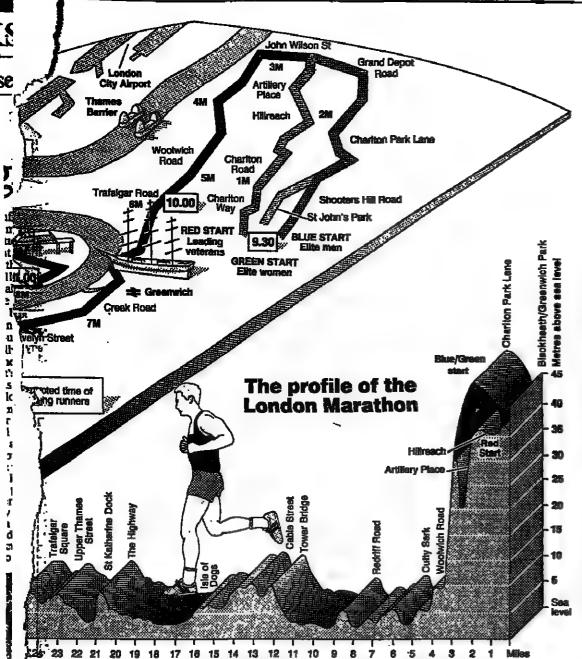
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# Silky Sinn is safely in

stroke to earn her players' card at the LPGA qualifying school. Yesterday the Korean-born goifer, who lives in Los Angeles. goifer, who lives in Los Angeles, holed two putts of 25 feet and two more of half that distance for her four birdies. Her only lapse was when she needed three putts for the second day running on the 12th green.

On the 12th green.
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PRIZE-MONEY International marathon prize-money is set in United States dollars. The winners of the men's and women's races will receive \$52,195 each; awards stretch down to the twentieth man, who receives \$750 and the fifteenth woman, who receives the same. The total prize-money is \$364,890, of which \$205,695 goes to the men and \$159,195 to the women.

A \$100,000 bonus will be paid to any man running under 2hr 06min cor any woman beating 2:20. A r:\$50,000 bonus will be paid for anyone beating Belayneh Densimo's world best of 2:06:50 or any woman beating ingrid Kristiansen's world best of 2:21:06. "Bonuses of \$10,000 are on offer for course records, which means sub 2:08:16 for the men, or sub 2:21:06

for?"he women. In The winning teams for men and women will receive \$15,000. Ag-pregates will be decided on total pimes for the first three from each "country rather than positions.

BEST PERFORMANCES in the first decade of the London Marathon the most successful ath-iste was ingrid Kristiansen, of Norway. Kristiansen set a world best of 2hr 21min 08sec, which still etands, in 1985 and has won the Trace four times. Two other women have won it twice — Joyce Smith, of Haritain, and Grete Waitz, of Norway - but no man has won more than once. Steve Jones, of Britain (2hr 98min 16sec), and ingrid

ristiansen, of Norway (2:21:06) 15 I hold the course records. BEST OF BRITISH British men won four out of the first five London Marathons but none of The last four. Veronique Marot cended a six-year wait for a home rictory in the women's race when she set a British best of 2hr 25min

> FASTEST VETERANS The best times recorded by vet-

MARATHON FACTS AND FIGURES THE TIMES ADT London

Marathon Appeal

技術技術技 erans (men aged 40 and over; women aged 35 and over) in the London Marathon are those by Kjell Erik-Stahl, of Sweden, who ran 2hr 16min 00sec in 1986, and Priscilla Meloh of Britain who recorded

Welch, of Britain, who recorded 2:26:51 in 1987. WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONS

Wheelchair races for disabled men and women have been held since 1983. Last year there were a record 49 finishers. Chris Hallam is the only man to win twice; Kay McShane has won the women's

THE TIMES-UNISYS APPEAL Now in its fourth year, The Times London Marathon Appeal has a new partner in Unisys, the computer company which provides official results to the race. Normally the appeal has 12 runners, but injury has reduced the number to 11 this year. They are: Steve Robins, from Hatfield (chosen cause: Teenage Cancer Unit, Stanmore Hosage Cancer Unit, Stanfflore Hos-pital); Bill Gulliver, Reading (Homes for Homeless People); Col Patrick Shervington, Bath (Fuseliers Ald Society; World War Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief; Bath Abbey Project; Bath Overseas Sports Association); Jane F Friedmann. Oxford (Trinity College Sophomore Year at Oxford); Dr Simon Macklin,

London (Prevention of Pain in Children with Cancer): Dr Philip Harrison, Leighton Buzzard

(Linslade Lower School); Peter Galloway, Reading (Samaritans); Rt Rev John F Perry, Bishop of Southampton (Rainbow Project for homeless people); James Nicolle, London (The Spinal Injuries Association); Graham Cliffe, Huddersfield (Holly Bank Appeal); Anthony Williamson, Arundel (Shoreham Lifeboat Appeal).

TEN NOT OUT Forty-six runners are entered to maintain their record of having run maintain their record of naving funin every London Marathon. The
best record belongs to Mick
McGeoch, aged 34, of Les Croupiers, Cardiff. He has always finished between 50th and 100th, with
a slowest time of 2hr 26min 27sec
(1988) and a fastest of 2:17:58
(1983).

OLDEST AND YOUNGEST Wynne Evans, who is 83, and Thorsten Egenhof, who celebrates his 18th birthday, the minimum age for acceptance, on race day.

WHINT GROWTH A world record number of finishers for a marathon are expected across Westminster Bridge tomorrow. The number has risen every year, except for 1984, from 6,255 in 1981,

the inaugural year, to a world record 22.652 last year. This year 34,000 entries have been accepted compared with 31,772 last year. TELEVISION TIMES BBC1: 9.10 to 12.10; 12.40 to 1:20; 7:15 to 8.05, EUROSPORT: 9:30 to

WILLIAM HILL: 4-6: Belayneh Densimo: 9-2: Carl Thackery; 8-1: Yakov Tolstikov, Salvatore Bettiol; 12-1: Dereji Nede; 16-1: Hugh Jones, Kevin Forster; 20-1: ber.

LONG SHOT One man has placed a 250 bet at 3,000-1 that his son, a National Schools cross country runner, aged 17, will win the London Marathon in

# Celebrating a white man's field

African runners tend not only to shoot themselves in the foot but to pass the gun

on to a team-mate

Tow that we have resolved the argument about how to snell his name, only one question remains: will he win? Belayneh Densimo, the fastest marathon runner ever, is nearly three minutes quicker than the next man entered. The complicating factor is that Densimo is African.

Densimo, from Ethiopia, arrived to a press inquisition on Thursday that surely was unique to an athletics world record holder. Spellings of his name had varied from Belayne Densimo to Belayneh

African marathon runners tend not only to shoot themselves in the foot but to pass the gun on to a team-mate. What happened in Boston on Monday in the world's oldest annual marathon was the most grotesque example yet of

Six of them - two Ethopians, two Kenyans and two Tanzanians - ran the first mile at 1hr 56min marathon pace and reached halfway still more than a minute inside Densimo's world best time. By the 21st mile, Gelindo Bordin, from Italy, who had been running detached, had passed them all and went on to win.

Bordin's phlegmatic approach was much as it had been in the Seoul Olympics when, in the last mile and a bit, he passed two more Africans with eyes only for each other, Douglas Wakiihuri and Ahmed Salah, to win.

"The Africans are crazy," Bordin said, "They worry only about each other." In which case Densimo will not have much worrying to do tomorrow. London this year is a white man's field, with only Dereji Nedi, another Ethiopian, as African company for Densimo among the likely front-runners.

Densimo has ahandoned a potential fourth successive win in Rotterdam on the same day as London in his attempt to prove himself here. Rotterdam was the course on which, two years ago, he set his world best of 2hr 06min 50sec or, if you like, 26 miles at 4min 50sec mile pace,

His last two marathons, in New York, where he was ninth, and Tokyo, where he was third, have looked less impressive, but if he gets back on the winning trail he will maintain London's record of no man having won the race twice.

The first Briton is guaranteed selection and reasonably quick times — 2hr 11min to 2:12 — will probably be good enough for the next two. The main contenders are Carl Thackery, provided he recovers from injury, Mike Gratton, Kevin Forster, Kenny Stuart and Hugh Jones. If Densimo runs away from the pack and stays there, the women's race may offer consolation. The field is closely packed with talent and, in any case, will provide a new winner as none of the previous champions is

Lisa Weidenbach, of the United States, starts as slight favourite over Zhao Youfeng, of China. But Wanda Panfil, of Poland, Aurora Cunha, of Portugal, Lyubov Klochko, of the Soviet Union, and Francie Larrieu-Smith, of the United States, are contenders, too.



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HUGH JONES

(London, 1982)

Best time: 2hr 09min 24sec

In his thirteenth year of marathon running, has

shown outstanding consis-tency; this will be his 25th

marethon but his first for two years following a heel injury; has finished first, second, third and fourth in

his four Londons; won Stockholm in 1985, was fifth in 1986 European championship and fifth in 1987 world championship.

VLADIMIR KDTOV

st time: 20r 10min 58sec

London debut after

successive wins in smaller marathons; fourth in 1980

Moscow Olympios; eighth in Fuluoka, the following year; won 1980 Moscow Marathon in 2:10:58;

considerable injury prob-lems in mid-1980s; his 2:12:48 in winning

Birmingham on a hilly course last summer was

probably worth 2:10; then won Bermuda (2:16:59).

Soviet Union

BELAYNEH DEKSMO HENRIK JORGENSEN Denmark Best time: 2hr 06min 50sec Best time: 2hr 09min 43sec (London, 1985) (Rotterdam, 1988)

An unexpected winner in Holder of world's fastest 1988, his only marathon triumph in 12 attempts; his time of 2:06:50, set in Rotterdam two years ago; has won four of his 10 been run in London, in merathons and comes to London instead of seeking which his record was consistent - third in 1983, fourth successive win in fifth in 1985 and first in Flottoarders, which is hald on the same day; has slowed down in his last two 1988 — until, as defending champion tast year, he dropped out; best champ-ionship run was in 1987 world championship, marathons — 2:13:42 in New York in November and 2:11:32 in Tokyo in February, London debut.



KEVIN FORSTER Aged 31 Best time: 2hr 10min 52ses

(London, 1988) Three victories in nine marathons but yet to win a big one; twice close in London - second to Char-tie Spedding in 1984 and to Henrik Jorgensen in 1988; won Enschede in 1983, Toronto in 1984 and Stock-holm in 1987; in last three marathons, 33rd in Seoul Olympics (2:20:45), thirteenth in London 1989 (2:13:31), fifth in Venice 1989 (2:16:47).





Aged 27 Best time: 2hr 14min 19sec (Mersey, 1989)

Doubtful starter because

of fate injury but BritainFormer national under-18 karate champion;

s best hope if untroubled

by ankle tendonitis; won English trial for Common-

alth Games at Merser

Britain

KENNY STUART

Winner of the Glasgow marathon in 1986 (2:14:04) and the Houston marathor in 1989 (2:11:36); former champion amateur and professional fell runner; ifteenth in London la year (2:12:53) and fourth in Birmingham (2:15:15); says that he has had



LISA WEIDENBACH

Aged 26 Best time: 2hr 28min 15sec

Four wins in nine mara-

thons, including three big ones: Boston in 1985 (2:34:06), Chicago in 1988 (2:29:17) and Chicago

again last year (2:28:15); favourite to take advan-tage, as Veronique Marot

did last year, of absence of

dio last year, or absence or big name; quit swimming, disillusioned after United States boycott of 1980 Moscow Olympics; took up

United States

(Chicago, 1989)

ZHAO YOUFENG

Aged 24 Best time: 2hr 27min 06sec (Secul, 1988)

running is undergoing a revolution; after Zhao's fifth in Seoul Olympics, China won world 15 kilometres road race title last year and had first and second individuals in junior world cross-country championship last month; has run three marathons. following Secul with successive wins in Na-



BALVATORE METTICL Best time: 2hr 10min 08000 (New York, 1989)

London debut; prominent in New York, one of the big five marathons, for the last two years; second in 1988 (2:11:41), when he was challenging Steve Jones before cramp forced him to stop, and fourth in 1989 (2:10:08); well placed in two World Cups: third in 1987 (2:11:28) and seventh in 1989 (2:12:41); won the Venice Marathon on a short course in 1987.



FRANCIE LARMEU-SMITH Best time: 2hr 32min 31 sec

Second in both her marathons: Houston in 1986 (2:33:36) and Columbus in 1988 (2:32:30); better pre-pared for London than for either of her last two: fifth in the Seoul Olympic 10,000 metres in 31:35.52, suggesting she should be capable of nearer 2:25 then 2:30; "the lest four months of my life have been dedicated to training



WANDA FANFIL Best time: 2hr 27mln 05sec (London, 1989)

Although Chicago six months ago was the slow-est of her five marathons (2:35:40), she has been performing well over shorter distances; set Polish record when finishing second to Veronique Ma rot, of Britain, in London last year; was second in Berlin in 1987 (2:32:01); secured her only marathon victory in Debno in 1988 (2:32:23).

stani master who is seeking a record-breaking ninth

successive British Open title. Defeat by Jahangir might have marked Kenyon's natural descent from the top echelon

more pleasantly. He witnessed at first hand the start of the Jahangir era, losing the 1979 world final to the then unknown 15-year-old.

As strong and rhythmic as ever, and looking unusually colourful in pink shirt and green shorts, the four-times national

champion who has regularly

been the last surviving Briton in this tournament over the past

decade, was simply unable to last the distance against Nicolle.

The younger man, who needed only five minutes to

clean up the last game, was

comparatively scruffy in appear-

ance but noticeably tidier in his competitive presentation.

His sponsored shirt bore ob-

vious signs of repeated launder-

ing but not much evidence of a

crisping iron. His hair, over-

long gave him a poetic appearance in comparison to the

military bearing that has carried

Kenyon through ten years of

But, under the stern direction

of Dardir at Wembley, the young Englishman survived the mid-match counter-attack of his

experienced opponent to estab-

lish more securely his creden-

tials as a senior member of the

new England generation.

hard squash.

record-breaking .

#### RUGBY UNION

# of the 500

club men? RICHARD Mogg today joins a distinguished band of Gloucester players, of which he is likely to be the last: he becomes the in 500 matches when he leads out — as captain for the day — the XV against Sale at Kingsholm (David Hands

A proper celebration will take place next month, since Gloucester still have serious business to complete this season

Mogg, who made his club debut as an 18-year-old during the 1974-5 season, will join two internationals who played 500 times for Glouces Ford, now the club chairman, and Alan Brinn — and two outstanding club players, Dick Smith and Bob Clewes. Ford, who was the first to pass that particular milestone, believes it will not be achieved again given the demanding fixture list.

Mogg came close to international honours; there were England B appearances against Romania, Ireland and France between 1978-81 but the wing, centre, steadily became the archetypal club player which Gloucester, of all clubs, produce

Today will be something of an ordeal for him: "I don't like being the centre of attention," he said but his colleagues will make sure he gets his due deserts. Retirement remains a possibility but Mogg says he will rest this summer then train again and see what his body suggests he should do. However, two old rivals from Leicester, Les Cusworth and

Steve Kenney, have definitely decided that 1990 marks the end. Cusworth's decision was made some time ago but Kenney, for so long his half-back partner, said yesterday that he too, at the age of 33, had decided to retire after 365 games 23 level Cusworth makes his final home appearance today

# Mogg: last Points to the future in Romania

Rugby Correspondent INTERNATIONALS from 10

countries gather at Twickenham countries gather at Twickenham tomorrow to display their skills on behalf of Romanian rugby — though the shape of Romanian rugby does not appear to be too bad, judging by their 16-9 defeat of Italy at Frascati last weekend. Nevertheless, this is a worthy opportunity to raise badly-needed funds for the Romanian deration, an appeal which has from British players and has uncovered a willing sponsor in Golden Grid, a computer-based company, which has put up the Skilball Trophy to be contested between XVs representing the four home unions and the rest of

The best of intentions, however, cannot determine the course of the game and the two teams appear, on paper, to be indifferently matched. That may well prove a false im-pression, but where the four home unions, despite two

Bristol v Newport

Hull, picked at stand-off by England for their tour to Argentin plays at centre for Bristol.

Newport give Leonard a debut at llanker and restore Turnar and

Coventry v Sth W Police

Coventry, missing the injured Farrington, play Addieton at hooker and retain Pictup, the Warwick University student, in their back row against a side without a win in their last six games.

Gloucester v Sale

Gloucester are at full strength

Subcesser are at the prefiging same at centre, when Cummins replaces the injured Caskle, Sale, missing Bumhill, Whitcombe and Hodgson, play Hamer (centre), Buttress (prop) and Morrison (flanker).

Stephens returns to play stand-off for Llanelli, who retain Lamerton at flanker. Beth, looking for their fifth successive win over

Lianelli, play Webb at full back with Chiloatt returning to the front

their litth success

withdrawals, are able to put eight 1989 British Lions into the field, with one more, Richard Hill, from 1986, and Peter Winterbottom from 1983, the European side contains a chequered mixture who will be difficult to mould into a coherent whole in one workout

Not that victory is the main objective: the point, or rather points, are the thing, as many of them as possible to provide entertainment for the crowd and entertainment for the crowd and to boost the sponsorship package—Golden Grid have agreed to pay £100 for every point scored into the fund. Personal pledges can also be made on a Romanian "hot-line" (0272-217111), which will be open until April 28 to help the overall annual.

The Rugby Football Union, who have waived their management fee, are assured of a crowd of 35,000, but their offices will be open today for the sale of stand and terrace tickets and tickets will be on sale when the

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Riggs plays on the Neeth wing with Kembury at local because of

injury to the Liewellyn brothers.
Cardiff play John at stand-off an
move Crothers to lock because
Numeries is no longer available

Nottingham v North'pton

Hodgkinson is at stand-off for Nottingham, who field Hartley at full

back with Gray returning to lead the side from lock. Northampton are at strength except on the

ving, where James replaces the

Richmond v Newbridge

Richmond will perm three from Lamb, Saunders, Sole and Bro for their back row, depending

on recovery from injuries. Newbridge move Riess to stand-off and James returns as

Rosslyn Pk v Harlequins

Stratford retains a place at flanker for Rosstyn Park with Hyde away and Hill injured.
Harlequins bring in Wood (lock) and Mantel (flanker), and combine

Gleary and Sty at centre.

No. 8 and captain,

Neath v Cardiff

Sunday's teams CUIR HOME UNIONS XV: G Hashings. (London Scotlain and Scotlaind). A Sangar (Hawks and Scotlaind), W Carthing (Harisculas and England), W Underwood (Lalosster and England). R Underwood (Lalosster and England). R Hashing (Rath and England). B Solid (Edinburgh Wanderers and Scotlaind). Captain). B Hoose (Nottingham and England). B Garistius (Cartiff and Welse). J Juffary (Kelso and Scotlaind). D Cassis (Hari and Scotlaind). N Francis (Sectional College and Instance). P Wintersofton (Harifactors and England). N Standard (Harinais (Postantia)). REST OF EUROPE. In Toeder (Postantia): M Duncle (Touton). G Denglade (Tarbes). M Fuller (Forman). P Logistast (Francis). B Captains (Rice). A Hossber (Lourdes). R Captains (Francis). S Cassis (Hay). T Juneccas (Toutos). G Cacilion (Francis). S Classison (Francis). A Tilchonor (Usse).

gates open at midday tomorrow. The European XV includes Alexander Tikhonov, the Soviet No. 8, who was a new Barbarian last weekend, but two of the French players, Pierre Peytavin, of Bayonne, and Patrice Favre, of Bougoin, have withdrawn, to

Saracens v Liverpool St H

ratirement but the inichetors without Buckton and Lea. Liverpool

send a weakened side because of their Lancashire Cup semi-final against Preston Grasshoppers

Bailey plays on Waspe' wing with Pegler in the unusual position of No. 8. Moseley give Chandler, who has played well for Sritish Police this season, a column at stand-off and Shangtor (No. 8) playes only his waint

Wasps v Moseley

(No. 8) plays only his third senior game of the seeson.

Smedmen mattes his first home appearance for Saracens before

be replaced on the wing by Michel Dancia, from Toulon, and, at stand-off half, by Ber-nard Capitani, of Nice.

The replacements include Kari Tapper, the Swedish No. 8, who was outstanding in the World Cup qualifying tournament in France last year and who has played two seasons

with Aberavon.

Ian McGeechan and Roger Uttley, the Lious coaches in Australia last year, will enjoy the chance of meeting so many recent changes once more as they prepare a side dominated by Englishmen — eight of them, including five of the seven backs. Of that quintet, Rob Andrew has decided to play for Wasps, his club, against Moseley today, because he is captain of the club and it is the first match since last weekend's first match since last weekend's tragic road accident in which Raphael Tsagane, a young wing, was killed.

Tsagane's funeral will be on Tuesday at 11.30am at Golders

# Reshuffled colts take on French

level (David Hands writes).

The pack has been restruc-tured since the 12-6 defeat

Siddall's reward SHIRLI-ANN Siddall, from Poole, who won the Prudential Under-16 singles and doubles tennis titles at Bournemouth last week, has been rewarded with a wild card into the Hi-Tee nt starting at

Sutton, Surrey, on Tuesday.

ENGLAND'S colts try to re-trieve something from a disappointing representative season at Harrogate today, when they play France — a nation they have never beaten at this age

against Wales a fortnight ago, Simmonds returning to hooker Wilkins reverts to No. 8 and Rowntree moves across to tighthead prop. Fennell coming in on An injury to Short, the Harle-

quins scrum half who played as a replacement against the Welsh, brings Saunders, of COTHWALL, ON 10 the bench.

Bed And COLTS I have (the control) of the control of Cornwall, on to the bench.

# Seasoned threat to

BOWLS

favourite By David Rhys Jones

ONE of many ambitious Nor-

folk bowlers who divide their time between the association

and federation codes is lan

and teogration codes is fan
Wones, aged 29, an accountant
from North Walsham.

A regular member of his
county's (English Bowling
Association) Middleton Cup
tearn, he has also been the
freelich Rouding Enderstion's English Bowling Federation's junior champion three times and is favourite to win the national indoor singles title at Lincoln today.

If his opponent, Robert
Curry, from Gateshead, ever

time ago. At 68, he has excelled himself in reaching the national Durham play Lincolnshire in the inter-county championship and will be hoping to win the Derbyshire Trophy for the fourth time in five winters.

Humberside make their first

appearance in a team final when

ron a junior title it was a long

they attempt to deprive North amptonshire, the four-rink championship holders, of the Eversley Trophy. The last big domestic event of place at Ardrossan this afternoon when Auchinleck and

West Lothian meet in the final of the CIS Insurance Scottish Two past world singles champions will be in action, with Hugh Duff, the winner two years ago, in the Auchinleck line-up and John Watson, the first Scot to win the title, back in

1982, starring for West Lothian. There is also added spice after the controversy surrounding the League match between the sides earlier in the season. An unfortunate incident saw the Auchinleck skip, Tommy replayed after a bowl had been

The rink draw for this afternoon's clash is (Auchinleck skips first): T Woods v D McCormick; G Speirs v G Knox; S McKenzie v R Erskine; J Fleming v J Boyle.

# SQUASH RACKETS Reformed Nicolle

# silences Kenyon

JASON Nicolle, the thirteenth- against Jahangir Khan, the Paki-

draw of the Hi-Tec British Open championship, earned a quarter-final place at Wembley yesteday at the expense of Philip Kenyon, the most experienced ome campaigner in the field.
Nicolle, aged 24 and based in Nottingham although he started his career in the same Reg Harbour School on Guernsey that produced Lisa Opie and Martine LeMoignan, defeated the Lancastrian 9-5, 7-9, 3-9, 9-4, 9-0 in 88 minutes. It was a victory of significance to both Controversially selected ahead of other more experi-

ranked English player who was required to qualify for the main

enced players for the England world championship squad last October, Nicolle was not sparkling in his performance then and fell increasingly into negative form in the following months. He has worked since with Dardir El Bakary, the muchrespected Egyptian coach, and has rediscovered discipline on and off the court. Kenyon, aged 33, was among the loudest in criticism of Nicolle's selection last year.

having himself played ex-cellently on the Asian tour before the world championships in which he was the best English player and was perhaps more deserving of the England place. deserving of the England place. The match yesterday illustrated all too clearly that the march of time has in half a year eliminated that debate.

A win would have given Kenyon a quarter-final match

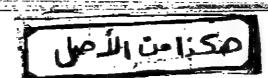
# Nicote (Eng) bt P Keyron (Eng), 9-5, T-9, 3-9, 9-4, 9-0; Jehanger Khan (Pek) br S Biopuro (Fin), 9-8, 9-2, 9-0. REAL TENNIS

# Danby pressure pays NICK Danby, of Scacourt, ever, using his severe floor game

reached the final of the World Over-40s championships on his home court, beating Colin Dean, of Hatfield, in straight

sets (Sally Jones writes). Danby, who earlier defeated and much-improved volleying to keep Dean under constant

He meets John Ward, the favourite, in today's final and, on present form, could cause him a few problems. Mike McMurragh, the second seed, played as consistently as Doon, 8-2-83.



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people adjust to life without the Wall

n a million photo albums there lurks the picture of a Berlin visit—the Checkpoint Charlie crossing point with its lugurious quadrilingual warning. You are now leaving the American sector", and the stern background figures of East German border guards

A couple of days after the border opened in November, a new piece of graffito appeared, the background for a new generation of standard photos, taken this time by visiting East Germans still gisgly at the novelty of popping across the Wall to the West. It said simply: "Nov 10, 1989 - Charlie's

Charite's retirement shook the world, but left Europe's most resilient, not to say cocky, city curiously unchanged

West Berlin remains its old frenetic self, a haven for bored offspring of the Bundesrepublik. who flee here from small-time prosperity and turn into a fabu-

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West Berlin dwells boastfully at the edges of excess. The cafes of Schöneberg and Kreuzberg have names like The Fish Laboratory, Slumberland and Seizure, where the black-clad clientele yawns and mournfully sips frothy coffee is a permanent morning after entuit.

In the almost unbearably respectable Kraenzier's on the

Kurfurstendamm, the same ritual is performed in a very different kind of case as the hatted matrons of Dahlem and Wannsee settle down at four o'clock sharp to discuss their ailments, consoled by Kaffee und Kuchen. Saturday afternoon on the

Kurferstendamm now sees the serious shoppers, browsers and ilies from the East on their weekend jannt to the West. Young uniform of red bobble hat and wellingtons chutch shiny balloons, their first Western treat, and trip over their feet in their distraction at the weekend jamboree of sound

But escape from the lare of the centre and you will find another Berlin, where the ghosts of Fontane's officers, countesans and seamstresses stalk dark forests and takes to remind the visitor that this most metropolitan of agreeably in the middle of

In the village of Lübens, to the north of Berlin, the Alten Dorflong screes giant glasses of Berliner Weisse — beer with a shot of raspberry juice which froths pretably but thates like a bad mistake. notice of the signs warning you to beware of the wild boar and avoiding the parties of Von Rismatchs and visiting Polish aristoc-mach who still pursue the poor-creatures on Sunday afternoons.

Less risky is a boat trip to the screne Peacock Island, populated by creatures arguably more varia-than the average habitue of the

Entering the East and West carrying fam-ities back home, East, there is a new species of our times to observe and enjoy: bling stations the smiling border guard'

Reichstag, straining for a glimpse of the Brandenburg Gate and across the no man's land of the curving Spree, where the watchtowers now

end of the West and beginning of the East, there is a new species of our times to observe and enjoy: the smiling border guard, stripped of the burden of looking as if he means it, carries out the ritual of issuing a day visa, stamping passports and staring sternly at the supplicant on the other side of the counter as if the whole procedu were a huge joke: "You again? Can't resist the lure of accialism,

Some things do not change. of the station laden with coffee and oranges - the spoils of the East assails. It is an old-fashioned smell, a distilled scent of Germany where the subdued notes of cinnamon and beer.

I know a dissident, forcibly exiled from the country for a decade, who carried off his return with remarkable equanimity only



Symbol of unity: a West German family returns from the Brandenburg Gate with their piece of the Wall. Their son sports a border guard's hat bought from a pedlar

to break down in tears the first time he sniffed the air outside trasse and finally knew that he had come home.

The huff, puff and copious exhaust of East Germany's notorious Trabant cars fills the air. I am still plagued by a desire to know what accounts for the East German car industry's peculiar colour taste - Trabis come in unsavoury mustard or chewing-gum grey, enlivened by the odd specimen of To stroll from the Brandenburg Gate along the length of the Unter den Linden in the late afternoon

gives a fine sense of historical catharsis before tea. At the Museum of German

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History, originally an 18th cen-restored to his pedestal in a rare tury armoury, a sign outside the post-War section politely apolo-gizes for its closure. The rooms which once trumpeted the successes of the "State of Workers and Peasants" are currently the object of commetic attentions by ams of historians.

In their place is a wonderfully higgledy-piggledy new exhibition cataloguing the country's November revolution, the home-made banners of streets draped in quiet of the former Politburo, looking comically thuggish, and the once standard day-gio picture of Erich Honecker smiling benignly on the bright confusions of democracy. Outside, Frederick the Great,

moment of historical generosity by the old regime, still rides his charger, doubtless thinking that one revolution more on the streets of Berlin is neither here nor there. Unter den Linden has the finest buildings of Berlin's Prussian past: the Humboldt university, whose sugary Kommode building housed crown princes of Prussia and Lenin, although not at the same time, and the fine Staatsoper, from whose portals nightly disgorge the

Few visitors to East Berlin leave the centre. They thus deprive themselves of its true heart, which lies in the old suburbs, preserved in their pre-war character by post-

to seeking solace in culture.

streets of Prenzlauer Berg in the Thirties, Communists and Fascists fought pitched bettles, and the ill-fated workers' uprising in 1953 precociously tried its hand at glasnost. The tradition of armed dissent is still alive; during last October's demonstrations house-wives aided the students in their battle with the Stasi by dropping eges on the heads of the security forces from their balconies.

Wander up the Schönhauser a panoply of obsolete goods — the Bulgarian footwarmer stubbornly refuses to find takers - and then take a rattling tram to reach an urban island of extraordinary beauty: the niche of Weissensee,

war negligence. On the cobbled which nestles around an oasis of lake and parkland untouched by the dead hand of socialist

> The former haunt of Berlin's Jewish élite bespeaks grace and dignity, and is still the address aspired to by the bien pensants of East Berlin, who occupy rambling family houses that cry out for rambling family novels to be written about them.

Just half an hour later you can nurturing an agreeable sense of discovery before you are ferried back to the less discreet pleasures of the Kurfürstendamm. The best thing about Berlin is that there are two of them.

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**Eating** out My favourites at the top end of the range would be An Der Rehwiese in Zehlendorf (Matterhornstrasse 101; 8032720) for light German cooking and intaginetively prepared tresh vegetables; and the Paris Bar (Kantstrasse 152; 3138052) — the Langan's of West Berlin, which has a French-German menu and the posiest clientele this side of the Elbe. In East Berlin the Forellenquintett in the Grand Hotel (20920) is an . admirable fish restaurant. supplied from the Battic Sea, with pleasant service, and a good wine list including a selection from East Genmany's only vineyard. For a tighter budget, the best value and most interesting tood is probably Turkish or Greek - Meytrane (Kantistrasse 152; 3139460) combines the cosy atmosphere of a Serlin pub, or Kneipe, with a wonderful Turkish menu including

# State of the second serves herrings in creams mayonnaise, potato soup with sausage and other tasty Prussian stodge. The Ermeler Haus (Märkisches Ufer 10-

For sheer pretension, the Schwarzes Cafe in the Kantstrasse has to be mentioned. Clientele heavily into ego massage and Gothic music with their coffee.

restaurant, a great favourite with East Berliners, with good Russian cocktails and

12; 2755103) is a Baroque

tactfully omitted. Fabulous winter gardens. A double costs 350DM (2120). Those who prefer to be based in the West should head for the fine old *Keripinski* (Kurfürstendamm 27; 884340), if only for a glimpse of Berlin's nobility sipping *Sela* surrounded by dachshunds. Double rooms from 300DM (£100). Be a devit; don't wear Less traumatic by half, the Hardenberg Cafe in the Hardenbergstrasse. Vivaldi, newspapers and large, lengthy breaktasts are the Sunday norm here.

Out of shear perversity, Hoffman's Hunde Imbiss the most pampered Wuffis of West Berlin are taken, diamond collars a-gleaming, for their unspeakable doggy treats. Like a Fellini film, but more abourd. In the East, the Operacalé on the Unter den Linden for striking up conversations with the employees of the neighbouring opera houses, and the elegant balcony caté in the Bodenmuseum (Museuminsel),

where you can gaze down at exhibits from the ancient

world as you devour your **Gobickits** Dschungel, or Jungle (Nürmbergerstrasse 53; 245698) does a good line in haircuts and avent-garde clothes. Music is the standard stomp variety the Germans love so much, atmosphere is friendly but frantic. Entrance 10 marks, including marks credit at bar. A night out in the East is increasingly popular with West Berliners, with many small clubs now opening up in the heady atmosphere of deregulation. The Franz Club on the Schönhäuser Allee (no telephone) is newly redecorated and presents new East German bands - all with pony-tails and leather trousers - to a solemnly trendy East German audience.
A more nostalgic Saturday
night can be had at Clarchens

Ballhaus (Auguststrassa 24-25; 2829295), a proletarian

dance half unchanged since

BERLIN: WHERE TO STAY AND WHAT TO DO unsteadier as the night goes on. Entrance a princely Ostmarks; a beer costs 56 plennigs (15p).

My bias would lead me to the East for a night at the opera, as it is also a rare chance to see the efite of East German life in public - fur costs and dinner jackets galore; champagne and canapes in the interval. The Staatsoper (Unter den Linden 7; 2071362) offers exotic classical productions in a baroque setting, the Komische Oper (Behrensstrasse 55-57; 2292555) is more Innovatory but also highly regarded – principal producer is Harry Kupfer. whose productions, one critic said, are frequently accompanied by the background noise of

composers turning in their Concerts
The Philharmonie in the
West (Matthelkirchstrasse 1;
254880) looks like a meringue from the outside, but is renowned for its acoustic excellence. Tickets can be a problem, although some are put aside at the tourist office - Verkehrsamt (Budapesterstrasse 1; 21234)
—for foreign visitors. The
Schauspielhaus in East Berlin
(Platz der Akademie;
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often announced only a few days before.

German-speakers should head for the Distel political cabaret in the East (Friedrichstrasse 101, opposite station; 207129). Once the only place where East Germans could laugh openly at the foibles of their rulers, now battling valiantly to be more absurd than the reality in the country. The Berliner Ensemble (Schiffbauerdamm 2823160) continues doggedly with traditional Brecht productions under the iron rule of the playwright's

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# Dead dogs and ghost trains and lessons of life

miles on Portuguese roads, fantasy moves into the driving seat. Our map was no help, representing the victory of hope over despair, cartographically. It said there was motorway where there was none, which was worrying, not only because speed is important when children are restless, but also because the Portuguese drivers think they're in a cops movie so motorways, on the

Portugal has the worst accident record in Europe, and the main road from Oporto to Lisbon takes most of the blame. It looks alluring, lined with palm-fringed huts peddling mangoes, melons It has a fabulous monastery, Batalha, standing there on its own by the roadside, a gleaming ochre wonder like a monk's mirage. Dead dogs abound, and every few miles on the non-motorway sections there is a crash. Combine all that with non-stop Winnie the Pooh on the car cassette and by the time you hit Lisbon you need a shot of reality. Not to mention a

At the planning stage, the ferry from Plymouth to Santander seemed an ideal way of starting the holiday in comfort while cutting the driving time in half. So it was; but one forgets how big the peninsula is. The idea was to get a feel of the older Portugal, the part that isn't the Algarve, so it seemed remiss not to see Lisbon. But from Santander to Lisbon is 625 miles, and a lot of them are hilly. With only two weeks available, it was all a little too ambitious.

We spent the first night at Salamanca, an obvious staging post. After that there is a choice of three or four routes into Portugal. We went in via Viseu, a medieval mountain town where fortificaportions of salt cod and cold rice pudding (at an excellent restaurant called Contico). We were then too full to travel any further. Pooh

often has the same problem. On the third day, after a drive through the mountains along the new IPS, we hit the fearful coast road and eventually the conbon. The evening rush hour was at its peak and, while Alan Bennett took an enforced break, the children whiled away a couple of iammed hours counting sheep. A flock of them were grazing beneath tower blocks in a suburban wasteland next to the six-lane ring road Lisbon's equivalent of the

North Circular. The municipal campsite was on



a hill and well-endowed, with a loudspeaker system that presumably put the annoy in Tannoy, No better way, campers, to absorb some elementary Portuguese pronunciation. Take the place-name Lisboa: start with the Lisb, then imagine that someone has gagged you and stabbed you.

We found the only patch of earth not already covered by canvas, and pitched the tent while the children chased swallowtails. The next day we boarded an airconditioned coach for a four-hour tour of the city. After so much time in the car, instant culture seemed like a tonic.

On your right, a magnificent monastery, the Hieronymite. On your left, the Gulbenkian Museum. Straight ahead, the winding streets of the old quarter, the Alfama. And there are magnificent gates and squares, and curious art nouveau shop fronts, and a funicular designed by Eiffel. You can see the whole city from the castle, a legacy of the Moors, high on another hill overlooking the bay. But you can't get the flavour

of it from there. For a taste of authentic Lisbon. the Feira Popular is hard to beat. It is a permanent funfair, a kind of down-market Tivoli Gardens and a natural setting for all the indigenous machismo. Getting in is cheap, about 120 escudos (50p) each, plus a tip to the urchin who guards your car.

And the Feira is fun. It has a figure-of-eight roundabout. It has a roller-coaster called simply The Loop which lives up to, or down to, its name, depending on

whether you are insane enough to ride on it. It has an arco diabolo, a man-size gyroscopic hoop on which, to the sadistic enjoyment of a large crowd, young men pay to be secured and spun. There is a ghost train, a good old-fashioned one, with mechanical skeletons spooking in and out of coffins, and there is a tropo da morte or ride of death. There are, surprisingly, no shooting booths, though there is any amount of electronic bingo.

The Feira smells of people, candyfloss and grilled sardines. On a Saturday night the place was full, the atmosphere somewhere between Blackpool Promenade and Les Enjants du Paradis. A place was found at one of the less sleazy fish bars and the baby was fed on calda verde, Portugal's staple thick vegetable soup, while we dined on sardines and squid, washed down with paint-stripper. The boys were in clover with a television in the corner and popcorn to take home.

That night the ants investigating the tent discovered one of life's immutable truths: there is always popcorn left in the bag. They called their friends and we called it a day. Another truth: striking camp always takes twice as long as you think. Eventually we were off, heading for the seaside near Oporto. That road again. More dead dogs.

There were compensations. Portugal, children, is our oldest ally and when we stopped to inspect that solitary monastery, Batalha, we found the lesson proved. In its chape) the effigy of King João I holds hands demurely with those of his wife, Philippa of Lincoln, daughter of John of Gaunt. Its cloister is a combination of sparse English Gothic and twisted Manueline, that symmetrical profusion of sculpted shells and coils which symbolizes Portugal's suc-

Like the azulėjos - the decorative tiles that adorn the old facades at every turn - the Manueline style is unique to Portugal, and its flourishes can be spotted throughout the country. from Belem in Lisbon to the simple pillories that stand in the middle of every old village.

They were tough on miscreants The founder's chapel at Batalha was reputedly built by convicts condemned to death. because the king thought the ·architect's plan - a 60ft square vault without intermediary supports - too ambitious for safety. The architect stuck to his guns by sleeping in the chapel during

construction. He probably slept better than we did that night at the university



town of Coimbra, where the municipal camping site is on a traffic roundabout. But there was peace in the morning in a cryptlike cafe next to the Monastery of the Holy Cross, all dark wood and people reading newspapers. Outside on a street corner, an accordionist sat and squeezed and a woman in black stood and rested, a huge bag of vegetables balanced perfectly on her head.

It is not the obvious tourist attractions, we said to the children, but rather these glimpses of a way of life lost to us which make Portugal worth the journey. Looking puzzled, they agreed.

A perfect example is at Barcelos. about 40 miles north of Oporto, where the Thursday market is said to be the largest in Europe. It is held in a huge square, around which the lorries rumble, packed with cork. If you want to buy a hat, a scraggy, squealing objection, a yoke for your on, a pol, or maybe just a few dried pigs, intestings to be a skin for your sausages; your

needs will be handsomely met. For refreshment there is wine from women who carry it in ewers on their heads. For presents there are painted porcelain cockerels. For amusement there are fortune

It took us another three days to drive back, this time through Santiago de Compostela and the hairpin bends of Galicia. We never saw Oporto or the Minho or Douro valleys. But I am glad to have seen Barcelos market before the Common Market kills it.

Brittany Ferries' new ship, the Bretagne, has cut the unpleasantness from the journey across the Bay of Biscay. The crossing is smooth and takes only 24 hours; the ship is playroom and cinemas. medium-sized car on the Plymouth/Santander route sts £138 returnin low season. Adult passenger fares start at 2100 return and children aged from four to 13 pay from 250 return.

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FARE DEAL

# Some bills just don't add up

tras" on your hotel bill when travelling outside Europe (Alex McWhirter writes). Most hotels do not include the cost of taxes or service charges in their room rates. and their addition can prove a nasty shock at check-out time.

Japan, Thailand and the Philippines are three countries where the cost of hidden extras can exceed 20 per cent. A traveller paying 28,000 yen (£113.36) a night at Tokyo's first class New Otani hotel will have to find a further 5,600 yen (£22.67) a day in hidden extras, or more than £110 for a five-day working week. Even in a more modest Holiday Inn costing 8,500 yen (£74.89) a night, the 10 per cent tax and 10 per cent service fee levied by all budget. first-class or de luxe Japanese hotels add an extra 3,700 yen (£14.97) a day. In Peru, the toll is ven higher. At the five-star Lima Sheraton, tax and service add 30 per cent to the US\$125 a night

Australia remains the odd man out - it is probably the only country in the world where hotel bills attract no hidden extras. Tipping is still not practised widely Down Under (although hotel employees will readily accept a gratuity if one is proffered) and, unlike neighbouring New Zealand, the Australian government still refuses to levy a tax on accommodation.

Some travellers can avoid hidden extras - if you book an inclusive holiday, the tax and service charge will be included in the holiday price. If you book an airline stopover deal, for example in Bangkok or Singapore en route for Australia, you will also find that tax and service are included.

It is those travellers who book independently who must allow for the hidden extras, although any good travel agent will soften the blow by forewarning them of the amounts involved. But sometimes

this is not feasible.
Take the case of travellers who The United States armed with the rate hotel/motel vouchers for flexibility. These vouchers are sissued by the big chains and, although they cover some or all of the room rate cost (depending on the grading of the property), they do not cover tax or service charges. To make matters more confusing, the amount of the taxes varies from state to state and city to city. If you stay in a country district, you should be liable only for state tax, but if you stay in a city, you pay state and city tax.

Visitors to New York's Mantiantan, for example, must pay a city tax of about five per cent plus pancy tax on top of the regular 84 per cent sales tax - a total of 15 per cent or more. And that is not The end of the story. In place of a mandatory service charge, US hotel staff expect to be tipped, so you will need to carry a wad of one

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Alex McWhirter is Travel Editor of Business Traveller magazine.

## TRAVEL NEWS

Tourism is turning as green this spring as every other economic activity that can put on an environmentally acceptable face. Judge for yourself the worth of the London Inter-Continental Hotel's decision to recycle its computer printouts as notepads. This move follows the adoption of "ozone-friendly housekeeping products" and organically grown vegetables.

According to a survey con-ducted by English Country Cottages, 70 per cent of its self-catering customers believe that environmental considerations will govern their future holiday choices. This group sees self-catering cottage holidays as the most environmentally acceptable form of holiday-making. Less green, they say, are boliday centres and caravanning.

Hastings is giving a lick of green colouring to its Festival of the Natural World over the first weekend of June. The organizers are hoping that healthy food and drinks will be served to visitors drawn to the exhibits of health organizations, farms, and environmental groups.

• The pursuit of green

commercial gain is eschewed by the Royal Geographical ciety. "Sympathetic travel" is the theme of its one-day seminar for independent travellers on Saturday May 19. Topics include "The tourist footprint: impact on host communities". The £25 fee includes funch. Booking forms from Expedition Advisory Centre, Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

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**Shona Crawford Poole** 

● Not 2 travel book, but destined to be given to many emigrating or holidaying Britons, is Aussie Watching -From Bludgers and Bushies to toons to recognize them.

Yachties and Yobbos, by Colin France: Alps & Jura, by Paul Bowles (Angus & Robertson, £3.50). Billed as "A guide to the native Australian", it is a one-joke book - the old one about a race of amiable, beer-

ers. That said, it does have funny one-liners and analyses various species of modern Australian and includes cartoons to recognize them.

TRAVEL BOOKS

Scola (MPC, \$8.99) and Hampshire and Isle of Wight, by John Barton (MPC, £7.99) are two new editions to the Visitors' Guide series. Both guzzling, Pommy-hating surf- are clear and concise with

maps. Don't buy the Alps and Jura guide for advice on the snow though - it is really aimed at the tourist with more interest in local culture (Avoriaz, for example, is mentioned for its architecture). Symbols beside the text indicate recommended walks, interesting buildings, etc. Jenny Tabakoff

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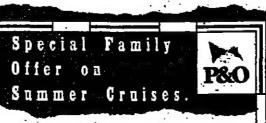
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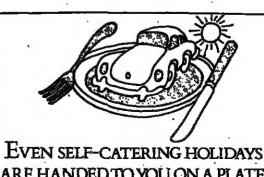
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# TRAVEL

# The phoenix and the blessed firemen



James Melville.

in the reborn Nagasaki, soaks up its sights and rituals

he western tourist cinating phenomen-on in Nagasaki: the city is full of Japabeing exotic. They flock from their tour buses to the meticulously cared-for estate high above the harbour where Thomas Glover and other built their spacious residences in the latter half of the 19th century. They scrutinize the bulky Victorian furniture, and take tea in the drawing-rooms. In the gardens, they pause before a memorial tablet to Puccini, whose soul must writhe in torment at the strains of Cio-Cio-San's aria

nearby loudspeaker. The Japanese tourists then go in their thousands to Japan's oldest Gothic-style church, the Ours, built in memory of the crucifixion in 1597 of 20 Japanese and six foreign Christians, and to the unremarkable modern Catholic cathedral. From the sou-Evenir shops they buy picture postcards of stained glass windows, dolls dressed as nuns, and little plaster images of redfaced Dutchmen in cutaway costs and knee-breeches. The shops also sell Chinese hats.

"One Fine Day" issuing over and over again from the

about the size of London's, important places of worship: two are Buddhist temples dating from the 17th century, each founded by a Chinese cian shrine, with a fine museum of Chinese history.

for the sake of the significant

Nagasaki is a city in which the evidence of foreign in-fluence is treasured. This is understandable, for it is the only place in Japan where contact, admittedly tensous, was maintained with the outside world during 200 years of otherwise total seclusion imposed by the Tokugawa Shoguns between the middle of the 17th and the middle of the

save for a few Dutch, who were confined to a tiny, fan-shaped artificial island, Dejuna, in Nagasaki harbour. Dejima is now surrounded by reclaimed land and is a part of the city proper, but some of its old outline may still be seen.
It must have been dreadful

for the wretched Dutchmen who had to live there for years on end, with only one mer-chant ship arriving each year to break the monotony. But life was a little better for the director of the post and a few of his senior colleagues: from time to time he was required to make the long and arduous journey to what is now Tokyo, with a small entourage and There he had to make obcisance to the Shogun, present costly gifts to him, and not infrequently entertain him by



Eye-catching: costumed children join a festive ritual

public demonstration of how the streets are steep, and for Europeans are their dinner. this reason Nagasaki, with its to take the edge off the

Not that Nagasaki could ever have been a bad place to live, until the atomic bomb attack in August 1945, which resulted in extensive devastation in the north-east of the city. The principal areas which survived undamaged include the port and harbour area.

The official memorial is the

Peace Park, a small open space laid out at the epicentre of the atomic explosion. Its principal feature is a massive bronze. sculpture of a human form, erected on the 10th anniversary of the catastrophe. This is intended to represent the spirit of peace, which is some-what surprisingly visualized

as being male.
Nagasaki's topography is not unlike that of Sau Francisco, and the enormous natural harbour must surely be one of the most beautiful in the world. Since the older buildings for the most part cluster on the hillsides above and

half-million population, remains compact and accessible.
The places visitors are most likely to want to so to are well signposted both in Japanese and English. The streetcars run mostly on flat, reclaimed land, so riding them isn't quite the thrill it is in San Francisco. It is, however, a convenient and cheap way to get about, the flat fare being only 100 yen (less than 50p), with an all-

day pass at 500 yen.
There is a great deal more to
Nagasaki than tourism. A busy port and centre for manufacturing and shipbuildplenty going on; all the usual shops, and restaurants of every kind to suit most budgets. It seems that every other shop sells one or more of the noted local products: tortoiseshell, coral and great slabs of plain madeira cake, known as castera. But try the fare at a cheap restaurant: Nagasaki champon, or noodles in a light miso soup, liberally garnished with delicious pork and vegcity with a Japanese heart,

in the north-east of the city.

I visited this ancient Shinto

complex during the exuberant and protracted New Year estions. Here the sacred and the profane are on per-

magnificent, gleaming fire en-gine, representing all the appliances belonging to the Nagasaki fire brigade.

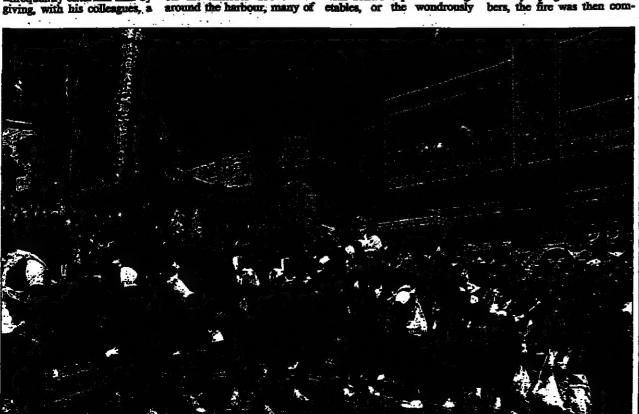
polished for the occasion.

cosmopolitan past with pride, but it is essentially a Japanese which for me beats most strongly at the Suwa Shrine, which merges almost im-perceptibly into a hillaide high

fectly friendly terms. It is possible at any time to bring one's new car to the Suwa Shrine for it to be from road accidents, in the special car-blessing bay incorporated into one of the subsidary shrine buildings. The day I was there was set aside for an annual mass blessing of every vehicle brought in These included not only a fleet of Coca-Cola delivery vans, but a

iremen enjoy particularly high esteem in Japan, and those present participated in a special ceremony which took place in an openair enclosure tucked away in a remote corner of the spacious precincts. The rite was deeply oving in its simple dignity. It involved several priests in the robes of courtiers of a thousand years ago, two of the shrine's attendant virgins and wore not their usual uniforms but traditional firefighters' happi jackets, and business-like rubber boots, brightly

The tutelary deities were dnly invoked, and then the chief priest lit a small fire of short sticks of wood, which blazed for no more than two or three minutes while more sonorous chanting went on. Already dying down to em-bers, the fire was then com-



Feat of strength: robed men taking part in one of the numbel street festivals that bring tourists flocking to the city

fresh fish, or, in season, the deep-fried oysters. Nagasaki acknowledges its

grave old priest, using first water poured from a natural gourd, then handfuls of damp scawced, and finally a quantity of earth. After this, the attendant maidens served sake in shallow lacquer bowls to the fire chief and lay notables: an offering received

handed a personal talisman. High above the merry hurly-burly of the lower shrine crowds of people jostled to pitch coins into the huge

pletely extinguished by the

offertory boxes and make a brief petition for health, good luck, prosperity, examination success or whatever. Here

Behind the enclosure a natural spring feeds a trickle of water into a pivoted bamboo receptacle, balanced in such a way that every 20 seconds or so the weight of water is enough to cause the container to upend itself, returning to its original position with a hollow "tock" sound that is hypnotically beautiful. Superstition, a new year.

perhaps? Faith? No, these firemen were not acting out of faith as those of us brought up in monotheistic traditions understand that term. For the Shinto deities are not gods in our sense; they are aspects of the life principle, residing in

rocks and trees, water and fire. To honour them is to relationship with the forces of nature and our dependence upon them: no bad thing to do at any time, and particularly significant at the beginning of

#### TRAVELNOTES

Hanover Square, London W1R 0DR (01-629 9244), files daily from Heathrow non-stop to Tokyo, then from Haneda domestic airport to Nagasaki. First class return £4,799, Business class, £2,808, Full Economy, 22,571. Information: Japan

National Tourist Organization, 167 Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 9638). James Melville stayed at the Nagasaki Grand Hotel, about 280 for a single room.

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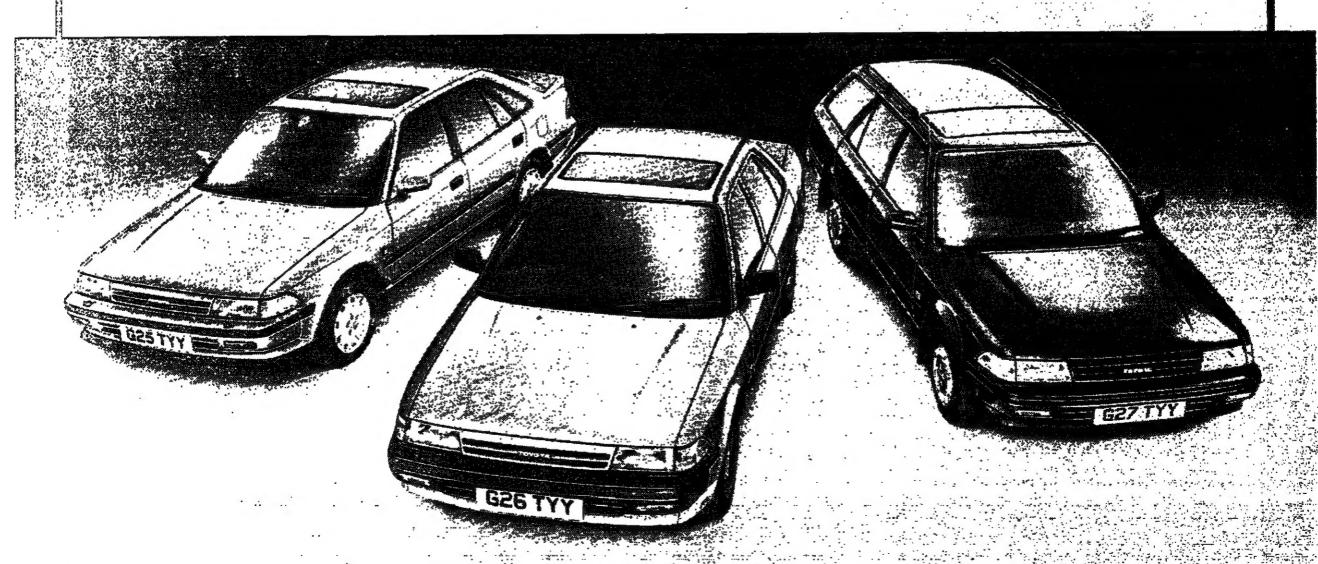
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